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FROM SLUSH TO SEVEN

A cyclist braves the windblown snow as he pedals hard through slush-covered streets in the Financial District on Thursday. Hit with their first real taste of winter, commuters were reeling as about 20 centimetres of snow blanketed the city. By Monday, however, all the snow will have melted, with a high of 7 C in the forecast. Think we had it bad? Toronto's worst snowstorm was on this day in 1944, when 21 people died. See story, page 6. GRAEME ROY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

T.O. homebuyers stuck on sidelines

Real estate. As prices continue to skyrocket in the city, some worry they've waited too long and have joined the renters-for-life ranks

Melissa Hart didn't have to hear it from the Bank of Canada. She knows first-hand that Toronto's housing market is overvalued — maybe by as much as 30 per cent — just from scouring MLS listings every day.

She no longer expects that to change.

Toronto prices have been out of whack for at least five years now, figures Hart, 33. But they have hit almost irrational levels in the last three, as bidding wars have exacerbated an explosion in the cost of freehold houses within an easy commute of the core.

During that time, Hart and her husband, Brian Wolk, owned a house briefly, but found themselves stretched too far financially. Since then, they've rented a two-bedroom apartment in the east end while standing on the sidelines — watching and waiting for a housing correction that hasn't come.

Now the couple, like many others who had the same hope for a correction, find themselves facing another grim reality. They may have inadvertently joined the ranks of renters-for-life.

"It's all we think about every day — that if we had just bought a house back when we first started looking, we would have overpaid, but at least we would have been in a house," says Hart.

"The consequences of being a great city is that the demand for the (limited) existing housing stock is not going to diminish, especially when we have 125,000 people coming to this region every year," says James McKellar, a real estate professor in York University's Schulich School of Business. "All you have to do if you really want to cool the housing market is adjust the immigration rate or raise interest rates."

This fall, Hart and Wolk endured a final, fruitless search, armed with a down payment that has only fallen behind as house prices have continued to climb.

"By the end, even our agent was saying, 'You should probably just rent because you're not going to find anything.'"

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Queens Quay revamp soars more than $35M over budget

'Lack of transparency.' Waterfront Toronto only now revealing hike decided in February

Mayor John Tory is demanding answers about Waterfront Toronto's decision 10 months ago to secretly hike the budget of its Queens Quay revitalization by more than $35 million.

"Obviously I am concerned with the cost overruns with respect to the Queens Quay project and, in particular, the lack of transparency and timeliness in reporting these costs," Tory told reporters Thursday.

"We need to invest in our waterfront, but we need to do so carefully and in a transparent manner that respects the tax dollars we are investing.

"I have asked Deputy Mayor (Denzil) Minnan-Wong to look into the matter."

The agency finally revealed February's 38.3 per cent increase — from $93.2 million to $128.9 million — as Toronto City Council was busy deliberating items Thursday.

Waterfront Toronto says it can't say with certainty that the final cost — shared by the city and provincial and federal governments — will not climb higher still. However, it is assuring the public it will absorb the overrun without extra public funding and is on track to complete the delay-plagued project in time for next summer's Pan Am Games.

The agency says it received a request from a city councillor earlier this year for an update on the major construction project and would normally respond within 30 days.

However, in a carefully crafted news release and background briefing, it defends keeping the public in the dark about the major cost overrun.

"It was not appropriate for Waterfront Toronto to disclose the budget until several claims from contractors and subcontractors working on the project were settled ..." the release states.

"Given that the Queens Quay project is being funded by public money, had Waterfront Toronto disclosed any budget information during these negotiations, it could have compromised our negotiating leverage and impeded our ability to reach fair settlements of the claims without incurring additional costs."

The agency blamed the overruns on "unforeseen obstacles and issues" digging up the roadway, starting a year ago, including unidentified pipes, unconnected storm sewer pipes, sinkholes and abandoned manholes.

The new pedestrian bridge being installed under the Gardiner and over Lake Shore to link Union Station to RBC's new HQ at Bay and Queens Quay. Construction is transforming Toronto's main waterfront street. AARON HARRIS/TORSTAR

Minnan-Wong, a persistent critic of Waterfront Toronto's spending practices, was added to the agency's board last week by the new mayor.

He said the overruns and secret budget hike caught him off-guard. At the agency's meeting next week he will ask if the cost is justified.

"Waterfront Toronto, in my view, needs to improve its reporting," Minnan-Wong said. " The ... important question that needs to be asked: How long have they known that these projects have been going over budget, and how come it took so long for them to report it out?"

Merchants on Queens Quay have complained that delays that kept the street ripped up during the improvements, including completion of the Martin Goodman Trail and resumption of the 509 streetcar service, are killing their businesses.

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"How long have they known that these projects have been going over budget...?"

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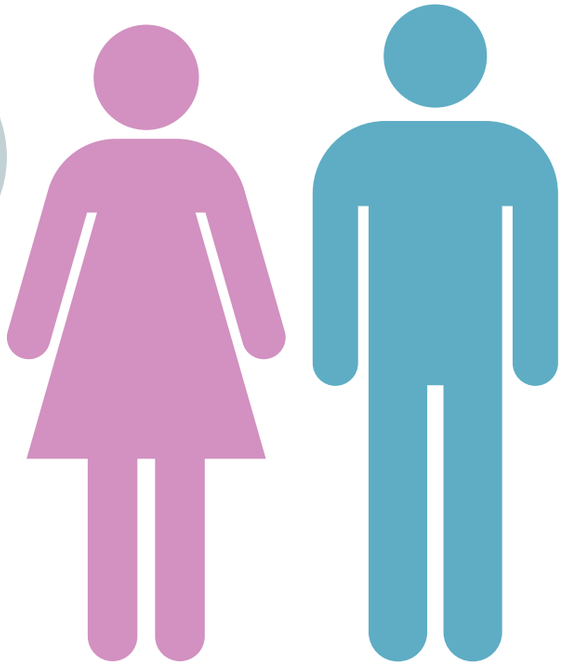
The average first-time homebuyer

Not everyone is dreaming — hopelessly — of buying a home in Toronto. If these stats describe you, 2015 could be your big year.



Education
82%
Number with post-secondary education in Canada

Price
$408K
Average spend in Toronto, including condos and houses

Income
$55K
Average income in Canada, by some estimates

Down payments
21%
Average down payment nationally, which would be $85,743 based on the average amount spent by a first-time buyer in Toronto. Experts say the average down payment in Toronto is much lower.

Mortgages
70%
Number taking fixed-rate mortgages in Canada

Marital status
50%
Fifty per cent are single and 41 per cent are couples across Canada. In Toronto, houses tend to be sold to couples, while single people more often buy condos, real-estate agents say.

Family help
30%
Thirty per cent of first-time buyers in Canada expect family or parents to assist with the purchase.

Age
36
Thirty-six years old across Canada in 2014, up from 29 in 2013

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No respite ahead in the new year

Up and up and up...
Thinking about making a real-estate resolution? You're not the only one

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As home prices in Toronto continue to rise — and are expected to rise ever further — this could be the month to consider one thing: Can I ever afford to buy?

"People think January is a slow month (for real estate)," notes real-estate agent and blogger David Fleming.

Instead, he said, it will be "very busy" after people spend the holidays setting goals for the new year.

"My phone rings off the hook on the first day back in January because all these people decided, 'This is my year,'" Fleming said.

And what's on offer isn't likely to get any cheaper.

Housing prices were up 2.5 per cent in Toronto and Oshawa for October compared to September, Statistics Canada reported on Thursday.

A ReMax report released earlier in the week expects Toronto prices to rise 4 per cent in 2015.

The report also predicts that the threat of a long-anticipated rise in interest rates could push those sitting on the home-buying fence into action.

Fleming doesn't see that happening, largely because those who can afford to play in Toronto's hot market can afford an incremental rise in interest rates.

"If it had an effect, it would be on the young person who has $15,000 who is looking to use that as a five per cent down payment on a $300,000 condo," Fleming said.

For most agents in Toronto, that's a very rare client.

The average home price is at least $550,000, with some agents pegging even $700,000 or $800,000 as a starting point.

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Province bans payment for blood, plasma

The provincial government has passed legislation banning payment for blood and plasma — a move aimed at protecting the voluntary blood donation system.

Ontario Health Minister Eric Hoskins hailed the unanimous passage of Bill 21, the Safeguarding Health Care Integrity Act, which also prohibits the reimbursement of expenses and other forms of compensation.

"It protects our voluntary system of blood and plasma donation in this province," Hoskins said at Queen's Park. "That's a system that Ontarians cherish and have great respect for. It's worked well for us.

"It prevents any company from setting up shop in this province and paying Ontarians to donate plasma."

Canadian Plasma Resources has invested $8.5 million setting up three plasma collection centres — two in Toronto and one in Hamilton — to pay donors for their protein-rich plasma, which can be transformed into medicines such as immunoglobulins, clotting factors and albumin.

"It's disappointing," company CEO Barzin Bahardoust told Torstar News Service. "But it wasn't a big surprise."

Bahardoust said the company now plans to operate its Toronto centres — one on Spadina Avenue and the other on Adelaide Street East — on a voluntary basis. And it plans to seek the necessary approval to collect plasma for research purposes, in which case it can still compensate donors, he said.

The for-profit company wanted to open 10 collection centres. It is now in talks with more than one western province, Bahardoust said.

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Workmen struggled to clear the streets during the great storm of December 1944, in which 57 centimetres of snow fell. COURTESY ALEXANDRA STUDIO

Snow? We've seen worse

Worst storm ever.
21 people died in Toronto in the storm of December 1944, which knocked over the Queen streetcar and shut down the city

Think we had it bad Thursday? On the same day 70 years ago Toronto was hit with its worst snowfall.

Twenty-one people died as a result of the great snowstorm of 1944, in which the Toronto Daily Star reported that "twenty-two and one-half inches" (that's 57 centimetres) of snow fell.

Wind and snow knocked over a streetcar on Queen Street East near Mutual Street, trapping 170 people and killing one. Police and TTC workers spent 45 minutes using axes to free passengers.

The weather forecast for that day predicted four to 12 inches of snow — not even close to the amount that besieged the city, according to Mike Filey in A Toronto Album 2: More Glimpses of the City That Was.

Three thousand teachers and almost 100,000 children in Toronto got a snow day. When superintendent of schools Dr. C.C. Goldring "arose and looked out his window," he declared: "It would be practically impossible to open the schools."

All traffic and businesses in the city were shut down, including essential deliveries of bread and milk.

Mayor Frederick Conboy urged workers to stay home unless they were of "an essential nature."

"We want all available transportation facilities to bring war workers to their jobs," he said from home, unable himself to get to city hall.

Residents loaded excess snow onto railroad cars.

On Dec. 13, 1944, the Toronto Daily Star ran photos of the storm on page 2, saying it was "'snow use' hoping you can go anywhere in that car anyway." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Doctor's warning

Thirteen of the 21 storm-related deaths came as a result of heart attacks as people shovelled snow.

- Chief coroner Dr. Smirie Lawson warned men over 50 not to shovel.
- "The strain of moving the drifts is terrific on the heart. It is better to get some young fellow to do it even if it costs a few cents."

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Fast track approved for SmartTrack plan

Council. John Tory can claim victory in his first move on SmartTrack after accelerated work plan for the above-ground rail proposal

With cautionary words and a single dissenting vote from Coun. Rob Ford, Mayor John Tory can claim his first transit victory after council approved fast-tracking plans for SmartTrack.

Council voted 42 to 1 to for an accelerated work plan for the proposed 22-stop, above ground rail line that would run primarily on existing GO rail tracks.

Tory said getting started now fits with the timeline he promised during the election to build SmartTrack in seven years.

"It is both the urgent nature to proceed with that timetable, but also the urgency felt by the people, that I certainly picked up loud and clear in getting elected to this office, that has me wanting to proceed in this manner," Tory told council Thursday ahead of the vote.

He said building SmartTrack gives council the opportunity to provide "substantial relief for people across the city."

The motion asked a group from the University of Toronto and also Strategic Regional Research Associates be contracted to begin the necessary analysis and modeling. A third-party reviewer will also be selected to oversee the early work. Up to $750,000 will be funded for those studies.

An interim report is expected Jan. 22.

Ford, the only councillor to vote against the motion, warned his colleagues over how they planned to vote.

"Please be careful what button you push today," he said, adding the "majority" of residents want subways. "It's streetcars or it's subways."

Ford said "fancy streetcars" — a term he often uses for LRTs like the ones planned on Eglinton, Finch and Sheppard avenues — will "rip up" the roads. As has been his practice, the councillor vowed to oppose all above-ground transit projects.

Tory responded that he won the election in part on the promise of SmartTrack, which was his central platform piece.

He argued his process is more transparent than when Ford began as mayor in 2010, when he "ordered" a new transit plan from senior TTC management.

Some councillors raised concerns Thursday about the process for fast-tracking the SmartTrack studies after city manager Joe Pennachetti confirmed they would essentially be approving sole-source contracts with the consultants Tory selected.

Coun. Paula Fletcher took issue with lobbyist connections at Strategic Regional Research Associates. SRRA director Bob Onyschuk has previously lobbied the city on development issues, according to the lobbyist registry.

Fletcher called for clear and objective analysis that she said needed to be "squeaky clean."

"If it's not seen in that way, I think it's a very bad start," she said.

Tory emphasized that the work will be peer reviewed by a group selected through a competitive process, so council can be confident in the studies.

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At a glance

- Council also voted Thursday to deny Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti's request to be reimbursed more than $33,000 for legal fees.
- The fees stem from a judicial review launched by Mammoliti after council fined him the equivalent of three months pay.
- Council instead voted to reimburse Mammoliti an additional $5,000 on Thursday, following a motion from Deputy Mayor Denzil Minnan-Wong.

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At the start of this week, I joined Mayor John Tory and TTC Chair Josh Colle to announce an important change to the operation of the TTC's busiest surface route, the 504 King streetcar.

The 504 carries 60,000 riders daily and around 20 per cent of overall journey time is spent servicing stops. The core section of the route through downtown is heavily congested so we are taking a number of measures to tackle this.

Starting Jan. 1, 2015, all-door boarding will be permitted throughout the full length of the 504 King streetcar route between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. – just one of a series of measures to speed up this critical service.

Customers in possession of proof-of-payment (POP), such as a Metropass or a paper transfer, will be permitted to board via the rear doors, thereby shortening the amount of time that streetcars need to spend at each stop. Customers paying by cash, ticket or token must still board at the front doors and must take a transfer as proof-of-payment.

Customer service ambassadors will assist customers during the first few weeks of this new arrangement, a system that is already in place on the 501 Queen and 510 Spadina routes.

Fare inspectors will randomly board vehicles and visit stops to check that customers have proof-of-payment and to ensure that everyone pays the correct fare.

During 2015, our plan is to progressively convert all streetcar routes to the proof-of-payment, all-door boarding system. The TTC's 2015 budget submission includes the hiring of additional fare inspectors so that, by year-end, all 11 streetcar routes can operate POP at all times. Today, only the 510 Spadina is POP all day, every day. (The 501 Queen is POP 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.)

There are other plans to improve streetcar service. We will progressively convert each route to be operated by our new, state-of-the-art, low-floor vehicles, the first three of which are already on Spadina. And we continue to work with Toronto Police and City Transportation to tackle illegal parking and to enhance transit-only lanes through the city.

Coupled with the Mayor's broader initiatives to tackle traffic congestion, these changes to our streetcar network will lead to shorter journey times, more reliable service and less frustration for you, our

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

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Weekly Customer Service Report

Week ending December 10, 2014

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- On the south side of the bus platform, from west to east, customers can board the 116 Morningside at first bay, 86E Scarborough and 198 U of T Rocket at second bay, 86 Scarborough at third bay, and 20 Cliffside and 113 Danforth at fourth bay.
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For more information, look for signage at Kennedy Station or visit ttc.ca.

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CITY MATTERS SURVEY We hear from you

The keys to happiness

In a survey for Metro by MQO Research, we asked 600 Torontonians to rank their quality of life in the city and rate the factors that make a city livable

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How's it going, Toronto? According to a new survey, about a 7.7 out of 10.

In a survey conducted for Metro by MQO Research, we asked 600 Torontonians to rate the quality of life in their city.

The results were mostly the same for men and women, and Torontonians of all different ages, but the Toronto seen through a wealthy person's eyes is a slightly better place than the city seen by lower-income residents.

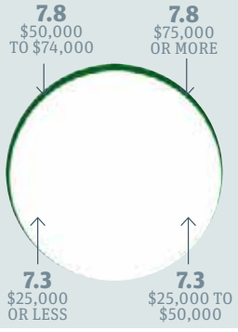
Those making $75,000 a year gave the quality of life in Toronto an average of grade of 7.8 out of 10 — that's 0.5 higher than those making less than $25,000.

Having a good impression of your city and feeling connected to it matters, but people are generally poor at knowing measurable indicators of the quality of life in the city, according to John Helliwell, an economist who studies happiness and well-being in a social context, and a professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia.

In his research, people tend to overestimate the problems in their city and have bad impressions of their city that are unjustified, he said. For example, we tend to overestimate the crime rate.

Quality of life

AN AVERAGE RANKING OF HOW RESPONDENTS SEE QUALITY OF LIFE IN TORONTO, BY INCOME ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 10



WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY

We asked Torontonians to rank attributes that make a city liveable on a scale of 1 to 10

8.5 BEING A GOOD PLACE TO RAISE A FAMILY (66% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO IS A GOOD PLACE FOR A BROOD)

7.9 WIDE RANGE OF OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (63% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THE CITY HAS GOOD OPTIONS)

7.9 WIDE RANGE OF RESTAURANTS AND CAFÉS (A WHOPPING 84% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO HAS A SMORGASBORD)

8.8 CITY IS EASY TO GET AROUND IN TERMS OF TRAFFIC AND CONGESTION (ONLY 32% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO IS A MANOEUVRABLE CITY)

7.9 AVAILABILITY OF QUALITY AFFORDABLE HOUSING (ONLY 23% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THAT TORONTO HAS AFFORDABLE HOMES)

7.5 WIDE RANGE OF ARTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS (74% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO HAS A HAPPENING SCENE)

8.8 KEEPING THE CITY CLEAN AND WELL-MAINTAINED (54% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO IS WELL GROOMED)

8.4 AVAILABILITY OF GREEN SPACE (59% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THE CITY HAS ENOUGH CONCRETE BREAKS)

7.7 WIDE RANGE OF INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (62% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO IS A GOOD PLACE ON A RAINY DAY)

8.0 SHOPPING WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF WHERE YOU LIVE (65% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO HAS A GOOD SELECTION)

6.4 ACCESS TO PET-FRIENDLY PARKS (45% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE TORONTO HAS ENOUGH ROOM FOR ROVER TO FROLIC)

7.6 ABILITY TO INTERACT WITH NEIGHBOURS (55% OF YOU AGREE OR STRONGLY AGREE THE CITY IS GOOD PLACE TO BORROW A CUP OF SUGAR)

CITY MATTERS: PART V

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Passengers take the TTC's airport bus from Kipling to Pearson in this file photo. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TTC rebrands Airport Rocket

Economy over speed. As Metrolinx prepares for launch of the pricey UPX, TTC touts its much cheaper express bus service

As Metrolinx officials have been fending off controversy this week about the fares for the new Union Pearson Express (UPX) train, the TTC has been quietly putting the finishing touches on a new branding campaign for its own airport service.

About 4,500 people a day take the 192 bus known as the Airport Rocket. Many of them are airport workers. But avid travellers, including TTC CEO Andy Byford, also avail themselves of the bus that is fitted with luggage racks and makes only three stops between both Pearson terminals and Kipling Station. The TTC wants to double that number of riders in the next year, said spokesman Brad Ross.

The timing of the Airport Rocket promotion coincides with the UPX launch in the spring and the Pan Am Games next summer.

"There are systems around the world that have direct connections. We have an excellent express bus service. We want people to know it's there," said Ross. Starting next month, the TTC is wrapping the 10 buses dedicated to the 192 route with a postcard-travel theme, including the message: "Your journey starts here."

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A good deal

- **Details.** The Airport Rocket runs about every 10 minutes most of the time — less frequently in the late evening. Its price, a subway token, is less than even the lowest UPX fares that were approved by the Metrolinx board on Thursday.

Strained relationship. Having not met in year, Wynne calls Harper out

Premier Kathleen Wynne is calling out PM Stephen Harper for refusing to meet with her for more than a year and is urging an end to the strained and distant nature of their dealings.

"That is too long a time between meetings of the prime minister and the premier of Canada's largest province, whose relationship should be one of collaboration, not confrontation," Wynne wrote in a letter she sent Thursday to Harper.

The Conservative prime minister and the Liberal premier last met Dec. 5, 2013, and since then both politicians have publicly taken jabs at each other over pension plans, the provincial deficit and infrastructure spending.

Most recently, Wynne added her voice to a growing number of groups concerned for sex workers' safety by saying she has "grave concern" about the Harper government's new prostitution law. Wynne said in the letter she hopes they can meet early in the new year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stephen Harper
THE CANADIAN PRESS/ADRIAN WYLD

NDP silent on alleged assault

Investigation. Former provincial volunteer files complaint about Ottawa-area candidate to police

Genevieve Ratelle alleges that a candidate "forced himself on me" while she was visiting his home on a morning in May. FACEBOOK

New Democrat Leader Andrea Horwath was tight-lipped Thursday when asked about allegations that in May, one of her Ottawa-area candidates sexually assaulted a then-19-year-old volunteer.

Horwath would not identify the unsuccessful candidate nor say whether he has been prohibited from running for the party again.

Instead, she told reporters that her party has "very strong anti-harassment policies" and those policies have been followed in this situation.

"My understanding is that we have followed our policy absolutely ... but I can't talk about details at this point because the police are investigating," said Horwath.

The complaint comes as all three parties in the provincial legislature unanimously passed a motion Thursday to establish a select committee on sexual violence and harassment, which will consider ways to prevent sexual violence in all walks of life.

Horwath told reporters during her year-end wrap-up session that she was aware of the situation but did not get thoroughly briefed until Thursday, a day after the allegations surfaced.

"I understood that there was a matter that the party was dealing with. I got fully briefed on it today," she said, adding she could not recall when she first got wind of the allegations.

Genevieve Ratelle, an intern on Parliament Hill, told the Huffington Post that during the spring provincial election, she was sexually assaulted by an Ottawa-area NDP candidate — whom she refused to identify — and filed a complaint with the party and this week with Ottawa police.

According to the Huffington Post story, Ratelle is concerned her alleged assailant might run in next year's federal election.

Ratelle declined to be interviewed when reached by Torstar News Service on Thursday.

"I will be respectfully declining any requests for interviews, statements, or comments at this time as this is a matter now before the Ottawa Police Service," Ratelle wrote in an email.

However, Ratelle did explain why she originally shared her allegations with the media.

"I believe that what I lived was awful and that too many individuals are in the same situation. Fear, re-victimization, etc., can hold someone from speaking up. I hope my story will prompt other victims of sexual assault and harassment to come forward and tell their stories. Sexual violence against women and how it is viewed within the public sphere is changing, and I hope my account will give courage to other victims to come forward," Ratelle wrote.

Ratelle told the Huffington Post that after suggestive emails and uninvited touching, the candidate later "forced himself on me" while she was visiting his home on a morning in May.

"Even though I was pushing him, I was held back and then he put his hands in my pants," she said in the interview, but added he eventually backed off.

Darlene Lawson, provincial secretary of the Ontario NDP, said she could not speak specifically about the complaint.

"I believe that this situation is in police hands at this point, so I'm not going to be able to speak about it in any detail at all," Lawson said.

"The Ontario NDP in all of our components take any allegations of harassment very seriously and we have a policy, a party policy, that we follow in those circumstances," Lawson said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nomination race

Federal NDP spokesman George Soule said the nomination race has not yet been called in the riding. "We have no approved candidate in that riding," he said.

- **Soule also said he could not say whether any candidates had been denied.** "The vetting process is confidential, so until a candidate is vetted, the entire process is confidential," Soule said.

Toronto cuisine being reshaped by 'forces of global migration'

Dan Bender digs into one of the many cultural dishes that he and others say define Toronto cuisine. COURTESY KEN JONES/UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

We are what we eat. Oliver & Bonacini founder says Toronto's cuisine is defined by myriad of styles, tastes

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Montreal has poutine, Winnipeg has perogies, Ottawa has beaver tails, Halifax has donairs, Nanaimo has its famous bars.

Hogtown has … peameal bacon sandwiches? Veal sandwiches, as suggested by some on travel websites? Or, maybe, picking one dish — or for that matter a style — that best defines the city's collective palate is just too simplified.

"I could give you a thousand dishes that I can describe as Toronto cuisine," said Dan Bender, who teaches food history at the University of Toronto Scarborough. "We are not seeing standardization of food in Toronto.

"What we eat is being constantly reshaped by the forces of global migration, and we have what I can call a global rather than a Toronto cuisine."

In other words, the city's tastes are as diverse as its people. The mix of cultural backgrounds leads to an "unbelievable amount of creativity" in kitchens, Bender said.

Chefs and cooks are always finding ways of using new ingredients to craft new dishes and introducing them to people.

That's how we get fish bellies for example, or the Filipino leche flan for dessert, said Bender.

Toronto has become "very comfortable with the food diversity that we have," said Michael Bonacini, a founder of Oliver & Bonacini Restaurants, which has eight eateries in the city. And that diversity is important.

"You can judge a city by the calibre of its restaurants," he said. "Everything from Mexican, to Indian, to French, to Chinese, to Jewish deli, to modern to traditional, that represents what Toronto cuisine is."

As for his take on that do-not-miss-if-you-visit Toronto kind of dish?

"That's a tough one," Bonacini said. "At O&B we sell thousands of mushroom soups every day."

Does that mean it's becoming an iconic Toronto food? Bonacini would like to think so. But, then again, there could be a more traditional approach.

"Maybe Swiss Chalet is our iconic Toronto food," he joked.

Call to action

In 140 characters (or less), tell us what Toronto's special dish or cuisine is via @MetroToronto or on Facebook. We'll pick the best suggestions and put them up for a public vote.

Diversity of food

"I think everyone just likes the multiplicity of food available to us."

Michael Bonacini, a founder of Oliver & Bonacini Restaurants, on whether Toronto needs a single food offering to define its identity.

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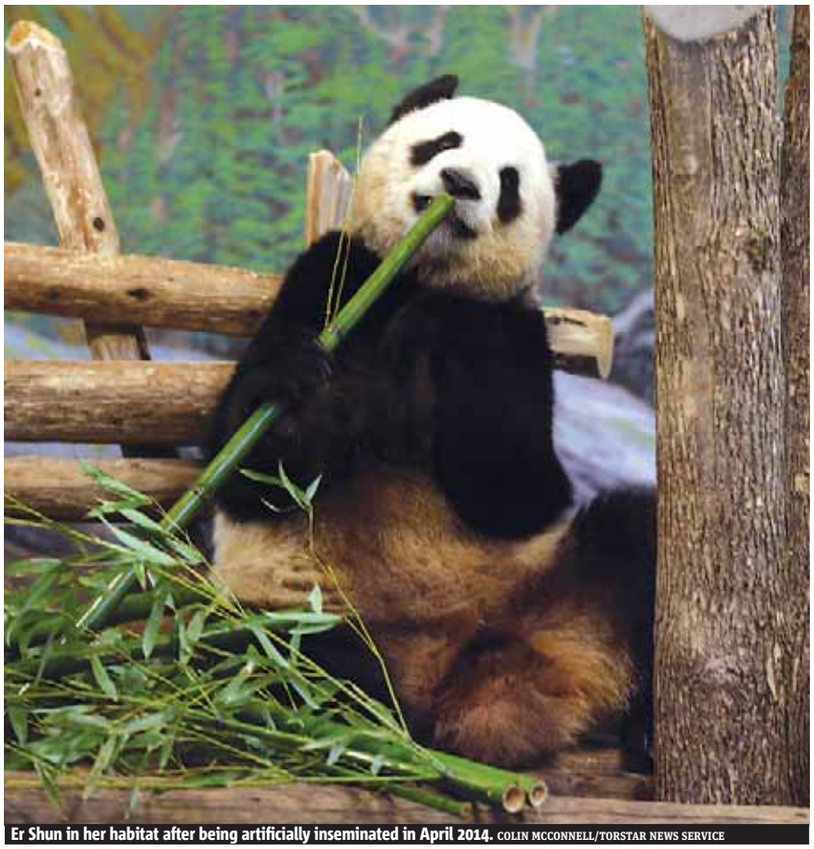

Er Shun in her habitat after being artificially inseminated in April 2014. COLIN MCCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Giant panda is not pregnant, zoo says

Er Shun. Female panda inseminated in late April and had been showing signs of pregnancy

Despite promising initial signs and after months of monitoring, Er Shun, the female giant panda currently in residence at the Toronto Zoo, is not pregnant.

The panda was artificially inseminated in late April and over the past few months has demonstrated signs of pregnancy through urine and hormone tests, ultrasound examinations and behavioural observations.

But zoo officials have confirmed that she was experiencing a pseudopregnancy.

Pseudopregnancies, in which the animal exhibits symptoms of pregnancy but is not actually producing an offspring, are not uncommon in carnivores such as dogs and cats, including larger variants like lions and tigers.

When a pseudopregnancy occurs, the animal responds as if an offspring were present, even going so far as to engage in behavioural changes like nesting.

Much is still unknown about these cases, particularly in giant pandas, due to their very delicate breeding periods.

"In a lot of these species with pseudopregnancies, we don't really understand what's going on, but the body just kind of takes over whether there's a live fetus or not," said Dr. Gaby Mastromonaco, the zoo's curator of reproductive programs and research.

"It's more particular to pandas, and we can't even understand yet — is that evolutionary, is it because of what they eat, seasonality? It's just really tricky to try to tease out why it's happening, and why it tends to be a much higher rate in pandas."

There are no definitive pregnancy tests for giant pandas, which have delicate breeding periods. A female giant panda has only one reproductive cycle per year, for a period of 24 to 72 hours.

The next step for the staff will be monitoring Er Shun for signs of this next reproductive cycle. Zoo officials remain hopeful that they will be able to bring both pandas together in 2015.

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Pseudopregnancies

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New policy

Doctors against abortion now required to refer patients

Doctors who morally oppose providing abortion services or prescribing birth control will be required to refer patients to other physicians, according to a draft policy paper just released by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

The document reflects a struggle to balance the fundamental rights of patients with respect for doctors' personal values and beliefs.

"We feel this is an excellent balance of human rights and constitutional rights," Dr. Marc Gabel, chair of the College's policy working group, said Wednesday in an interview.

The draft policy also states that a doctor is expected to ensure emergency care, even when that conflicts with the physician's beliefs. Gabel added that a doctor who balked at following the code would face professional misconduct sanctions. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SCOC imposes rules on cellphone searches

Privacy at issue.
SCOC rules police have some rights to search cellphones without warrants, but must follow rules

A divided Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday that police can conduct a limited search of suspect's cellphone without getting a search warrant, regardless of password protection — but they must follow strict rules.

The precedent-setting ruling, reached by a narrow 4-3 margin, found that the search must be directly related to the circumstances of a person's arrest and that investigators must keep detailed records of the search.

In a dissenting opinion, the three opposing justices said the police should be required to obtain a search warrant in all cases, except rare instances where there is a danger to the public, police or the evidence.

It is the first Supreme Court ruling on cellphone privacy, a 21st-century issue that has already spawned a series of divergent lower court decisions.

The high court dismissed the appeal of the 2009 armed robbery conviction of Kevin Fearon, who argued that police violated his charter rights when they searched his cellphone without a warrant after he'd robbed a Toronto jewelry kiosk.

The court agreed that the police had in fact breached Fearon's rights, but said the evidence against him on his cellphone should not be excluded.

"The police simply did something that they believed on reasonable grounds to be lawful and were proven wrong, after the fact, by developments in the jurisprudence," Justice Thomas Cromwell wrote for the majority.

Cromwell said the court was trying to strike a balance between the demands of effective law enforcement and the public's right to be free of unreasonable searches and seizures under Section 8 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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More SCOC news

Khadr decision stuns lawyers

A decision by the Supreme Court of Canada to hear the federal government's challenge of Omar Khadr's youth status stunned his lawyers on Thursday. Khadr had already agreed to remain in a federal prison even though Alberta's top court ruled he should be moved to a provincial facility.

"I'm stunned," Nate Whitling, one of Khadr's lawyers, said after the top court's decision. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Magnotta trial resumes Monday

Diran Lin, father of Jun Lin, arrives to hear the closing arguments at the murder trial for Luka Rocco Magnotta on Thursday in Montreal. The Crown has completed its final arguments at the trial and is asking the jury to find Magnotta guilty of first-degree murder in the slaying and dismemberment of Jun Lin. The jurors have been sent home until Monday, when the judge will give them their instructions before they are sequestered. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Calgarian claims he's made over 15,000 requests through 311 for graffiti removal

He strolls inner-city sidewalks, pausing every so often to snap a photo of graffiti. Then, the man who calls himself Dr. G jots down the co-ordinates of his latest find and any additional details he believes will aid by-law officers with finding the tag when he logs it through the city's 311 service.

Dr. G says city managers have told him he averages 7,800 requests to remove graffiti annually — he figures his total complaint count to date is as high as 15,000.

"I think Calgary's a better place without graffiti, let's just put it that way," he said in an interview Thursday.

Dr. G provided his real name to Metro, but requested it not be printed, fearing backlash from perturbed business owners and urban graffiti enthusiasts alike. There are some who often find themselves on the receiving end of Dr. G's graffiti gripes that have come to learn his true identity, including Kevin Schneider with City Print Distribution Inc. The company he works for delivers magazine and print publications in the city — including Metro — and the boxes where such items are stored are common targets for taggers. Schneider is not a big fan of the so-called doctor, stating he takes things too far and abuses a system set up in good faith by the city. "It's harassment ... it's coming to the point where, yes, we'll get to them (the tags), we just don't have to do it as quickly as we like.

"It can't all be on (Dr.G's) schedule." JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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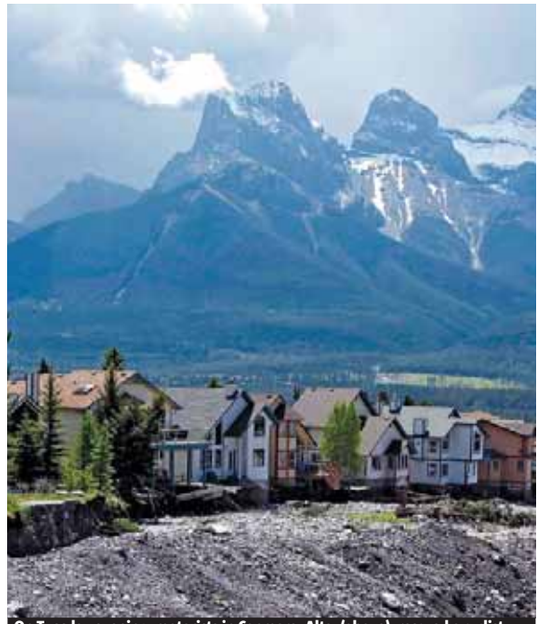

On Tuesday evening, motorists in Canmore, Alta. (above), rescued a cyclist from under a truck. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Passersby save trapped cyclist

Canmore, Alta.
Crash witnesses band together to lift truck off pinned cyclist

JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

As he peered under the truck, Brad Blois could hardly make out the pinned cyclist.

But he could hear the moans.

A minute prior, a Ford Ranger had come up alongside and struck the two-wheeled traveller at the intersection of Canmore's Bow Valley Trail and Railway Avenue West. The momentum sent the cyclist sliding underneath the vehicle and he was pinned by the engine.

Numerous motorists witnessed the crash, which occurred around 9:20 p.m. Tuesday night, and they raced to the scene.

"His (the cyclist's) feet weren't even hanging out under the bumper, he was right under there," recalled Blois, who runs a cab company in the town west of Calgary. "His face had lacerations all over it and he was just moaning.

"He sounded like he was in pain and he couldn't breathe."

Six initial witnesses — three men and three women — began attempts to move the rig off the man, but it proved too heavy.

Then, a bus rolled up across the road and more strapping lads stepped off.

"I said, 'I need strong guys… get on the truck, grab a part, we've got to lift it,'" Blois said. "They came over, there was probably nine or 10 of us, and we lifted it up … the women pulled him straight out."

Blois said EMS arrived on scene seven or eight minutes later and rushed the cyclist to hospital. He was eventually airlifted to Calgary, but RCMP have since indicated that he's in stable condition.

Blois paid credit to his fellow rescuers.

"If it was later at night and there had just been one person there, there would have been nothing they could do and if the driver had tried to back off of him, I hate to say it, but it would have tore him apart," he said.

"I can't explain what it was like to see everybody pull together and do something like that. Just the urgency of the moment, with that fella needing their help, it was a miracle."

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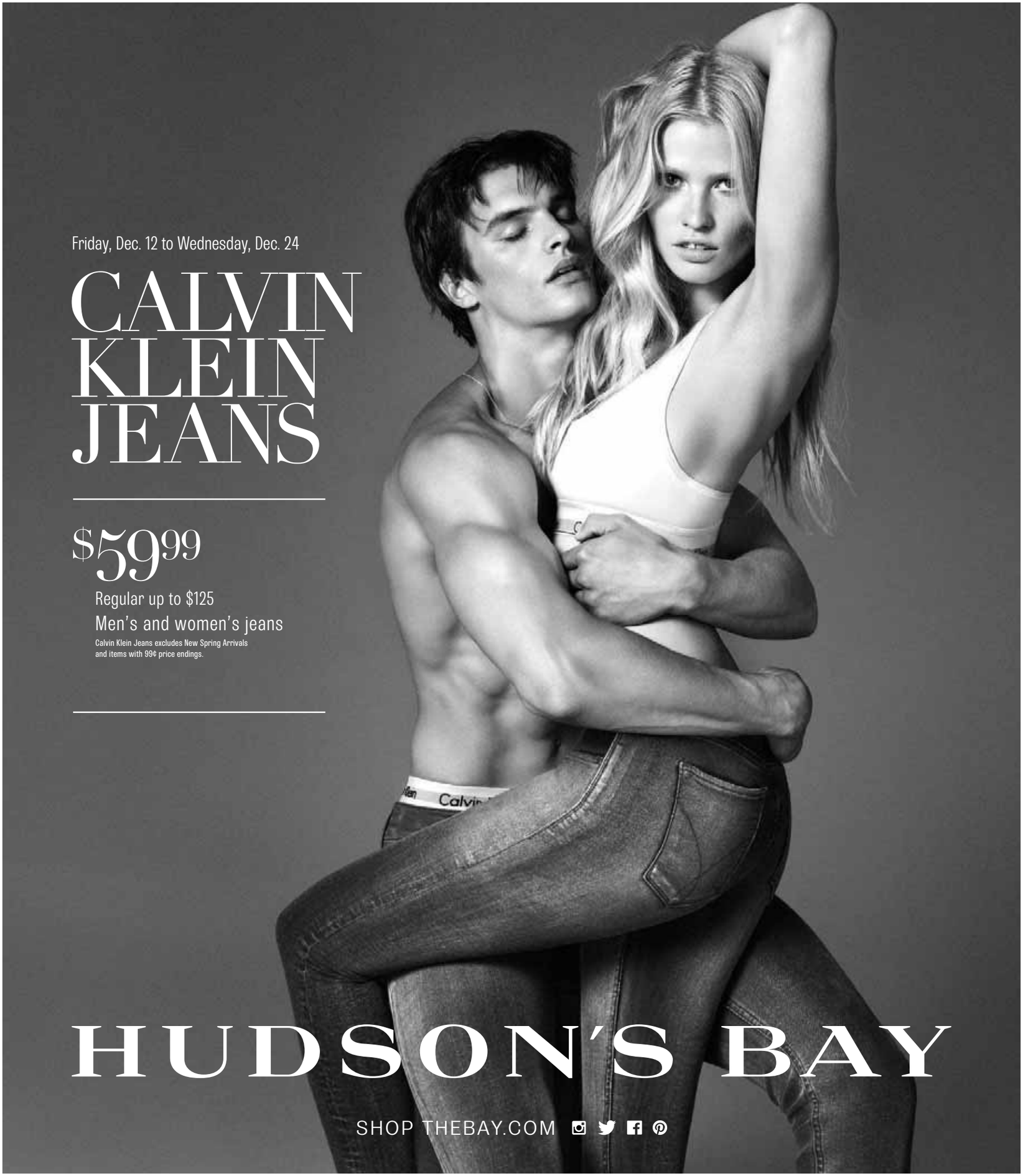
Brad Blois, crash witness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Liberia. Ottawa NGO looks to raise $60K for literacy

The Ebola epidemic has emptied classrooms in Liberia and kept students cooped up at home for months.

So an Ottawa NGO is preparing over 10,000 home schooling kits to help elementary school kids learn to read while they are stuck indoors.

CODE — a charity supporting literacy in Canada and worldwide — has been working to get Liberia's education system back on its feet since the disastrous effects of the 15-year, on-again-off-again civil war that killed about 300,000 people in the country and Sierra Leone.

When the Ebola crisis broke out about 10 months ago, the country and education system were "very ill prepared to address this newest crisis," said CODE executive director Scott Walter.

About 5,000 primary schools have closed across the country.

"At least with the civil war, they knew who the enemy was. They could see the enemy," he said. "With Ebola, it's an unseen enemy and it could come from anywhere."

CODE has partnered with the WE-CARE Foundation to create "Home School Kits of Hope" filled with children's books, school supplies and information pamphlets on Ebola.

So far CODE has raised about $40,000 for home school kits in Liberia, with the goal of raising $60,000 by Dec. 24.

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Ebola vaccine

Trials halted after subjects report pain

Swiss researchers have temporarily halted a clinical trial of a Canadian-made Ebola vaccine after seeing an unexpected side-effect in a few people who received the serum. Four of 59 people vaccinated in the Geneva-based trial reported pain in the joints of their extremities — fingers and toes — between 10 and 15 days after receiving the shot, researcher Dr. Angela Huttner said in an interview.

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CF-18 replacement decision can be delayed until 2025

F-35 debate. While the government can delay its decision, it must still quickly decide what will replace the aging jets: Report

A long-awaited market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025, but it will cost roughly $400 million.

The report by a panel of independent experts, part of a package of documents put before the federal cabinet last summer, warns the aging jets should not be flown much past that date because it would be an unacceptable, costly risk.

All of the research was done to help the Harper government decide whether to purchase the F-35 stealth fighter, or hold an open competition.

"No decision has been made on the purchase of replacements for the CF-18s," Public Works Minister Diane Finley told the Commons prior to the release of the panel report and annual F-35 cost assessment.

Earlier this year, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson's office announced the CF-18s would get life extension upgrades to keep them flying for another 11 years, but no details on cost or risks were released.

The panel's analysis looked at four different fighter jets and found each is equally capable of meeting Canada's needs, although the Harper government and the air force have insisted for years the F-35 was the only choice to replace the CF-18s.

A pilot positions a CF-18 Hornet at the CFB Cold Lake on Oct. 21. A market analysis into which fighter jet could replace the CF-18s tells the Harper government it can postpone a decision and keep flying the current fleet until 2025.

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Replacing the CF-18

In order to smoothly phase out Canada's fleet of CF-18s, replacements will have to be chosen by 2020, according to the panel's report.

- **The big decision.** The federal government would need at least three years to run an open competition, while F-35 orders need three years lead time according to the jet's manufacturer.
- **Maintenance costs.** While the lifespan of the CF-18 can be extended, pushing it towards 2030 would be costly, with the reliability of key systems declining quickly.

The report says the CF-18's relevance will decline rapidly after 2025, and will cost $1.5 billion in maintenance leading up to 2030. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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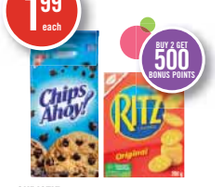

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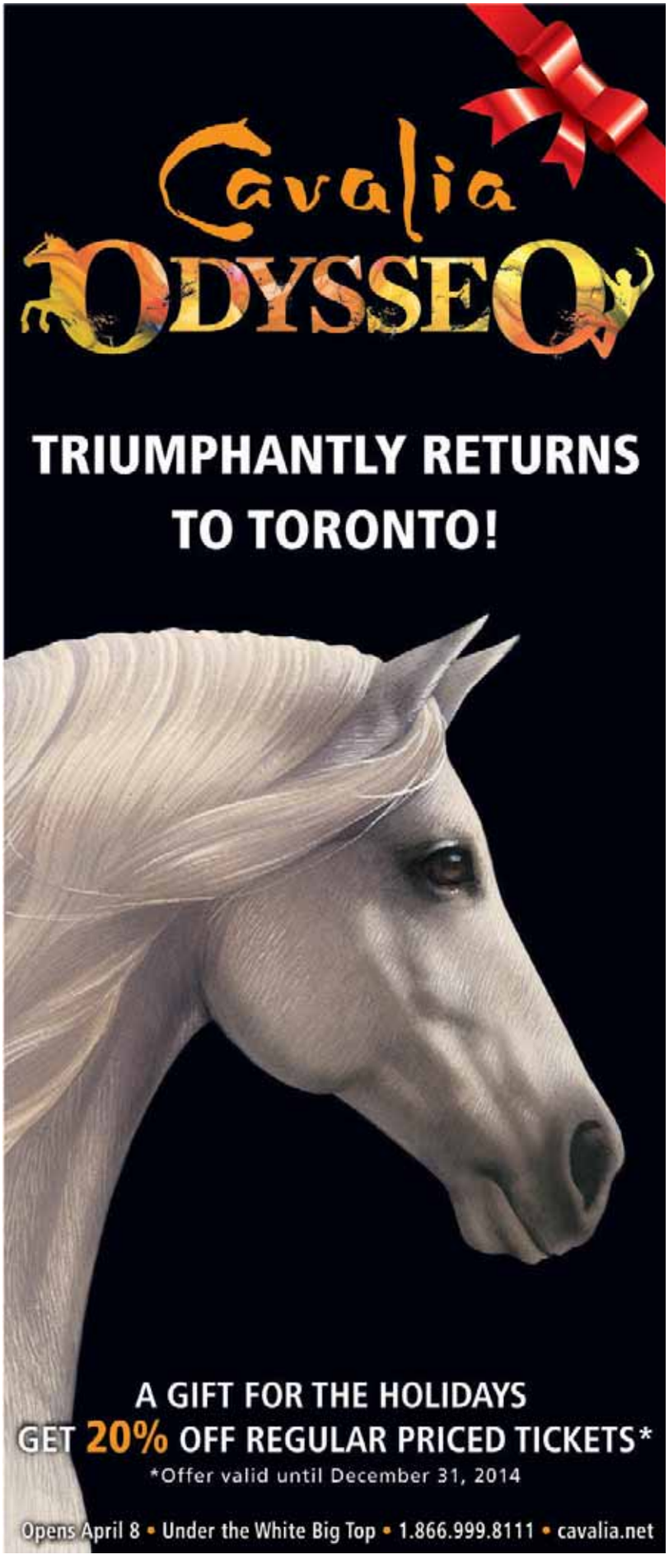

Publication ban case adjourned

Dartmouth. Man charged with releasing the name of a sexual assault victim granted time to review penalties

The lawyer for a man charged with violating a publication ban in a sexual assault trial in Halifax has been granted time to hear what penalties the Crown is considering.

Judge Patrick Curran granted the adjournment Thursday in Dartmouth provincial court, requiring David Winslow Sparks to return on Jan. 12. Sparks, 62, was charged in September after police alleged he posted on social media the name of the victim in the sexual assault case. The identity of the victim is protected by a publication ban.

In July defence lawyer Lyle Howe was sentenced to three years in prison after being found guilty by a jury of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in March 2011. Howe's lawyer has filed an appeal in that case.

Sparks is represented by Howe's wife, Laura McCarthy, who is also a defence lawyer.

McCarthy said outside court she's unclear what potential penalty the Crown is seeking and needs that information before advising her client on a plea.

"We adjourned ... to allow time to speak with the Crown and see what kind of resolution can be reached," she said.

"You don't want somebody making an uninformed decision." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Details

Outside court, David Winslow Sparks said the alleged offence was a post on Facebook and he's eager to deal with the matter in court and move on.

- "I'm anxious to get it over with," he said.

Province scraps WWII-era law used at G20

G20 summit protesters clash with riot police in downtown Toronto on Saturday, June 26, 2010. A Second World War law used by police to make mass arrests during the G20 summit was officially scrapped Thursday and replaced with new legislation. The Public Works Protection Act was secretly revived by the Liberal government prior to the G20, and then used by police to "kettle" or detain large groups in the streets, and to arrest 1,100 people during the summit. Ombudsman Andre Marin concluded it was opportunistic and inappropriate to use a "war measure" to give police extra authority, and said police compounded matters by misrepresenting the reach of their new powers during the G20. The law designed to protect electrical generating facilities from Nazi saboteurs in the 1940s was replaced by a new bill that enhances security at courthouses, electrical generating stations and nuclear power plants.

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Manitoba

Teacher under investigation over Facebook comments about aboriginals

A high school teacher in Manitoba has been placed on leave and is being investigated over social media comments that one aboriginal leader called hurtful and racist.

Kevin Hart, who works at the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, filed a complaint with Kelvin High School Thursday, saying that a Facebook page under the name of Brad Badiuk, a technology teacher at the Winnipeg school, contained statements that said aboriginals are looking for free money from non-aboriginals.

The Facebook page had been deleted Thursday and attempts to reach Badiuk were not successful.

The Winnipeg School Division would not name Badiuk, but said a veteran teacher was being investigated and could face disciplinary measures if found to have crossed a line. Those consequences could be anything from an order to undergo sensitivity training to outright dismissal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In this Nov. 30 photo, Cuban fans sing during a hip-hop concert in Havana. Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that a U.S. agency infiltrated Cuba's hip-hop scene, recruiting unwitting rappers to spark a youth movement against the government. RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuban hip-hop stars used by U.S. agency

USAID. American agency infiltrated Cuba's music scene to undermine the state, create youth advocates for social change

Over two years a U.S. agency secretly infiltrated Cuba's underground hip-hop movement, recruiting unwitting rappers to spark a youth movement against the government, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

The idea was to use Cuban musicians "to break the information blockade" and build a youth network seeking "social change," documents show.

The program is laid out in documents involving Creative Associates International, a Washington, D.C., contractor paid millions of dollars to undermine Cuba's communist government. The thousands of pages include contracts, emails, preserved chats, budgets, expense reports, PowerPoints, photographs and passports.

Contractors involved in the hip-hop operation would recruit scores of Cuban musicians for projects disguised as cultural initiatives but really aimed at boosting their visibility and encouraging a movement of fans to challenge the government.

One target was Los Aldeanos, a hip-hop group frustrated by official pressure and widely respected by Cuban youth for its hard-hitting lyrics.

Creative used a Panama front company and a Lichtenstein bank to hide the money trail from Cuba, where thousands of dollars went to fund a TV program starring Los Aldeanos. It would be distributed on DVDs to circumvent Cuba's censors.

Then the Colombian rock star Juanes announced a September 2009 concert in the heart of Havana. Creative managers held a two-day strategy session on how to persuade Juanes to let Los Aldeanos perform with him.

They never shared the stage, but Juanes publicly thanked the rappers after the concert. The contractors believed this measure of public support would help protect the group against the government; however, Juanes' spokesman John Reilly said Wednesday the concert had no political agenda, and that Juanes had no knowledge of what the other artists did.

About a month later Los Aldeanos' frontman, Aldo Rodriguez, was detained for illegal possession of a computer.

Creative contractors at one point contacted a sex education institute run by the daughter of President Raul Castro, Mariela, who was contacted to be part of Serbia's EXIT Festival, despite organizers — such as Serbian contractor Rajko Bozic — also running the anti-Castro hip-hop operation.

Cuban officials ultimately discovered what was going on once contractors paid $15,000 to underwrite a music festival run by singer Pablo Milanese.

Over the next four months Bozic was detained coming into Havana with a potentially incriminating USB stick, generating anxiety among contractors. Bozic cut his trip short and told contractors he wouldn't be returning any time soon.

In August 2010 Los Aldeanos took the stage at an independent music festival and criticized the government and police. The group later moved to South Florida, citing the government was making it difficult to work.

On six occasions a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contractor said Cuban authorities detained or interrogated people involved in the program, confiscating computers containing information that unwittingly jeopardized the safety of numerous Cubans; not realizing they were part of a clandestine U.S. operation. The Associated Press investigation found that despite this, USAID put itself and its targets at risk.

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Compromised culture

USAID plan hurt hip-hop

The operation compromised Cuba's vibrant hip-hop culture, which has produced some of the hardest-hitting grassroots criticism since Fidel Castro came to power in 1959. Artists that USAID contractors tried to promote left the country or stopped performing amid pressure from the Cuban government, and one of the island's most popular independent music festivals was taken over after officials linked it to USAID.

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CIA chief recounts horrors of Sept. 11 in defence of tactics

Senate torture report. Says CIA's interrogation practices did not lead to a safer America

CIA Director John Brennan defended his agency Thursday from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the U.S. But he stopped short of claiming that the tough methods saved thousands of American lives.

Brennan conceded that it is impossible to know whether the detainees provided crucial information because of the "enhanced interrogation techniques." He said the cause-and-effect relationship is "unknown and unknowable." He conceded unauthorized and in some cases abhorrent methods were used against captives, but asserted the CIA "did a lot of things right" in a time when there were "no easy answers."

Brennan opened a rare news conference by recounting the horrors of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, his agency's determination to prevent another such assault and the fact that CIA officers were the first to fight and early to die in the Afghanistan war.

His remarks were part of a campaign by the CIA and several of its past leaders to discredit a five-year Senate investigation into the CIA's harrowing interrogation practices after 9-11, concerned that the historical record may define them as torturers instead of patriots and expose them to legal action around the world.

The Senate intelligence committee's report doesn't urge prosecution for wrongdoing, and the Justice Department has no interest in reopening a criminal probe. But the threat to former interrogators and their superiors was underlined as a UN special investigator demanded those responsible for "systematic crimes" be brought to justice, and human rights groups pushed for the arrest of key CIA and Bush administration figures if they travel overseas.

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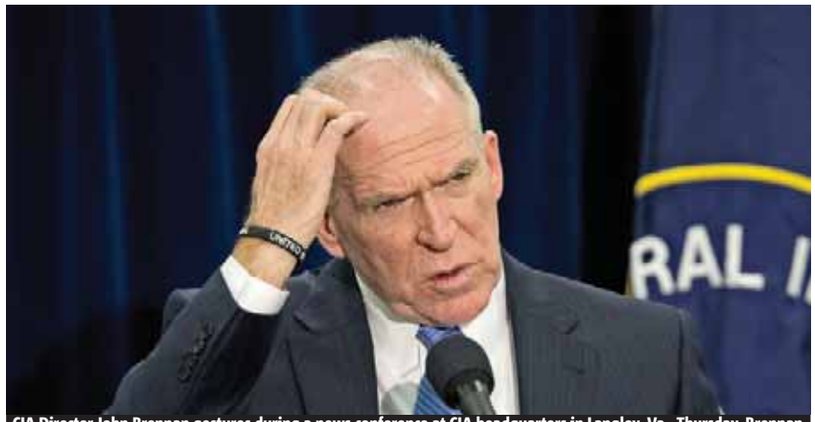
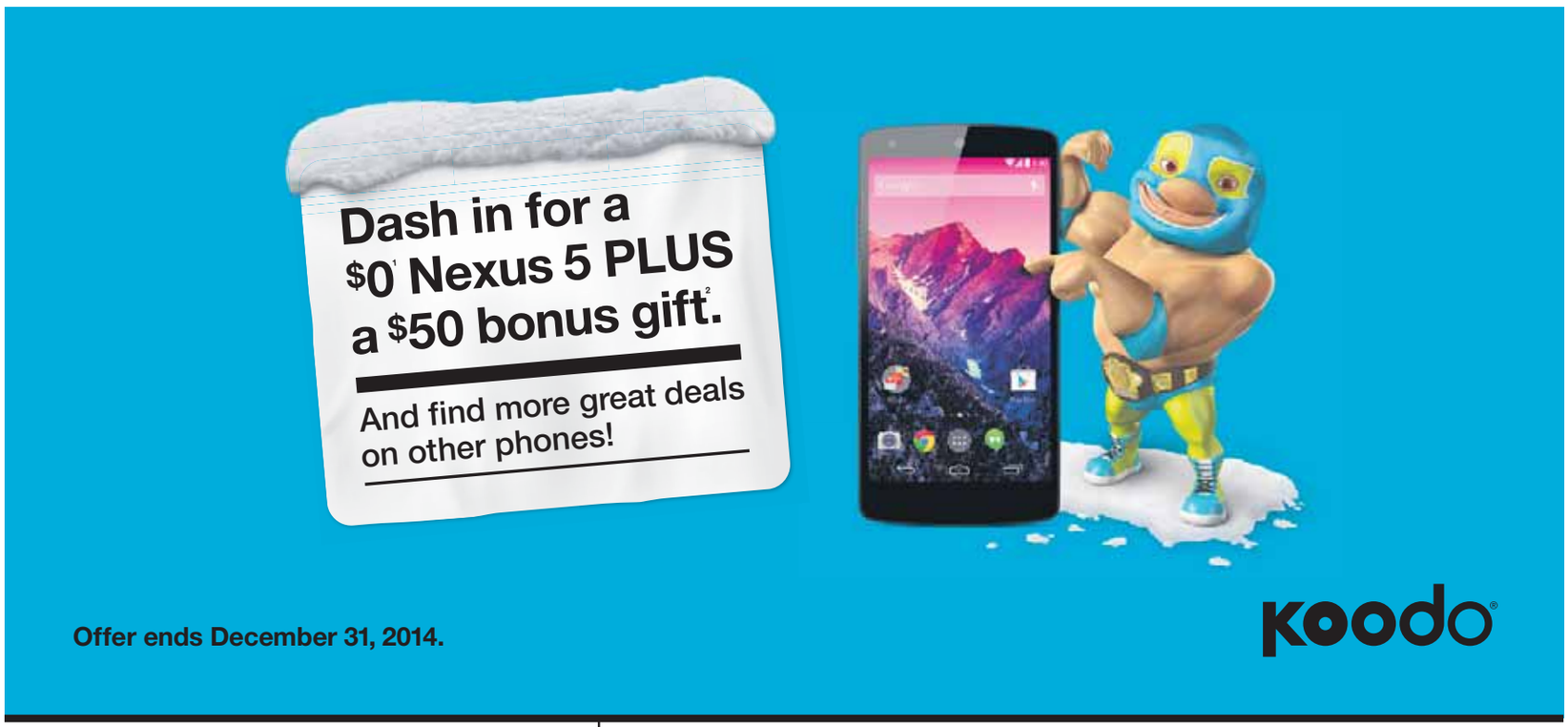


CIA Director John Brennan gestures during a news conference at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., Thursday. Brennan defended his agency from accusations in a Senate report that it used inhumane interrogation techniques against terrorist suspects with no security benefits to the nation. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Summoned

Closing Guantanamo

Fed up with the stalled progress toward closing the Guantanamo Bay detention centre, President Barack Obama summoned top administration officials to the White House for an unusual meeting last month to make it clear he wanted action. The president addressed the team at length, emphasizing why he wants to shut down the detention facility for terrorism suspects, according to administration officials familiar with the meeting, which wasn't on Obama's public schedule.



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Push for two states

France's Senate votes to recognize Palestinian state

France's Senate has narrowly approved a resolution asking the government to recognize a Palestinian state, in hopes that it could be a tool in negotiations for lasting Mideast peace.

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Palestinian state

Israel angered by Irish decision

Israel has slammed the decision of the Irish parliament to adopt a non-binding resolution supporting an independent Palestinian state. Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon expressed disappointment Thursday at the decision.

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First time in 23 years

Air Serbia to fly between Zagreb, Belgrade

Air Serbia says it will resume flights between Belgrade and Zagreb after a 23-year break. Flights between the Serbian and Croatian capitals were discontinued in 1991.

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UEFA president Michel Platini, right, and the mayor of Ploegsteert, Gilbert Deleu, listen to speeches after unveiling a World War I Christmas Truce monument in Ploegsteert, Belgium, on Thursday. VIRGINIA MAYO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Christmas Truce commemorated

Soccer. Moment of WWI peace, goodwill memorialized by monument in Belgium

A century ago on Christmas Day, German and British enemies left their World War I trenches and headed into no man's land in a few scattered locations on the Western Front for an unofficial truce among soldiers. Some eyewitness accounts say they were highlighted by a few soccer kick-abouts.

The proponents of the sport have cherished that day as historic proof that there is little that can better bridge man's differences than soccer.

It is that unique mood of brotherhood that Michel Platini, the president of the Union of European Football Associations, planned to underscore on Thursday when he unveiled a Christmas Truce monument on the former battlegrounds known as Flanders Fields in western Belgium, scene of some of the most vile killing.

"Together, they performed simple acts of reconciliation, culminating in the discovery of a shared language: football," Platini wrote to European Union leaders early this year.

For those involved, it was most of all a yearning for a sense of normalcy, however momentarily, that pushed them over the edge of their trenches, unarmed.

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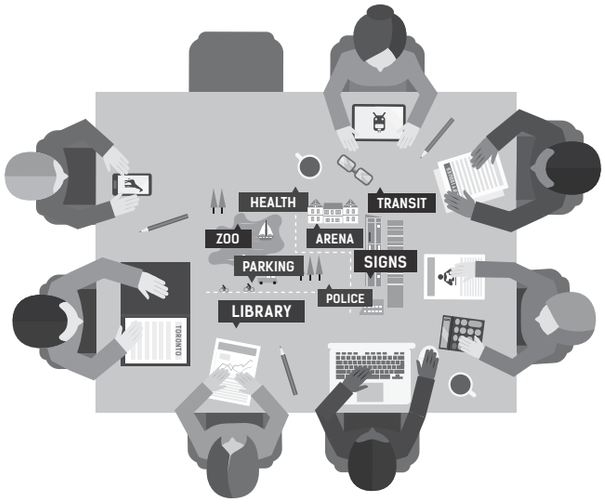

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Hong Kong police destroy protest camp

209 arrested. Activists taken away by police swear fight for fair elections isn't over

Police officers take away a protester at the occupied area outside government headquarters in Hong Kong Thursday. KIN CHEUNG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hong Kong authorities demolished a protest camp Thursday at the heart of the city's 2-1/2-month pro-democracy movement but scores of activists taken away by police vowed their fight for genuine elections wasn't over.

Hundreds of police officers armed with chain saws and bolt cutters methodically dismantled barricades, tore down canopies and removed banners in a daylong operation to shut the protest site sprawled across a normally busy highway next to the specially administered Chinese city's business district.

Police said 209 people were arrested for unlawful assembly and obstructing police officers.

The operation was peaceful and unmarked by the violent clashes seen in previous confrontations between protesters and police. Traffic started flowing on the road by mid-evening.

The student-led protesters had occupied streets in the Admiralty neighbourhood and two other areas since Sept. 28 to protest Beijing's restrictions on the first election of the city's top leader.

The campaign, which began as a separate protest led by student and activist groups, got a jump-start when police fired dozens of tear gas rounds on a group of demonstrators flooding into the area. The resulting movement polarized public opinion and, activists said, marked the start of an era of civil disobedience in Hong Kong. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A flood can't stop these kids' fun

Aidan Perez, left, 12, and Christopher Dow, right, 11, ride a shopping cart in the flooded parking lot of a shopping centre Thursday in Healdsburg, Calif. A powerful storm churned through Northern California Thursday, knocking out power to tens of thousands and delaying commuters while soaking the region with rain. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Likely extremist attack

At least 31 killed in Nigeria blasts

Activists said at least 31 people were killed and several more injured Thursday when twin explosions rocked downtown Jos in central Nigeria in what appears to be the latest attack by Islamic extremists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland

Russian activity up in Baltic: Minister

Poland's defence minister, Tomasz Siemoniak, on Thursday complained of "unprecedented" activity by Russia's navy and air force in the Baltic Sea region in recent days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goal won't be met

Controlling Ebola will take months

The U.N. Ebola chief said Thursday it will take several months before the outbreak is under control, making it clear the World Health Organization's goal of isolating 100 per cent of Ebola cases by Jan. 1 won't be met. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CBC to trim local TV newscasts

Five-year strategy. Changes are part of plan to shift priorities from TV and radio to mobile and digital

CBC will shorten all local supper-hour newscasts to 30 or 60 minutes and will broadcast Radio One morning shows on TV beginning next fall.

The changes are part of a five-year strategy to shift priorities from radio and television to mobile and digital announced by the public broadcaster in June.

Currently, most supper-hour newscasts at the CBC are 90 minutes.

Shows in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, St. John's and the North will be trimmed to 60 minutes. Programs in Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Windsor, Montreal and Fredericton will be chopped to 30 minutes.

CBC will broadcast local Radio One morning shows on TV between 6 and 7 a.m. in all existing markets except the North.

To offset the reduced newscasts, CBC said it would introduce regular local television newsbreaks during the day and prime-time.

It also said it would maintain, and in some cases grow, its spending in local investigative journalism.

Also beginning next fall, CBC will introduce new services specifically for mobile users.

The broadcaster did not specify how jobs would be impacted by the changes.

"CBC/Radio-Canada's new local strategy is about changing how we serve the audience. We are moving to become a comprehensive four-platform local news service — across the day and on demand," Heather Conway, executive vice-president of English Services, said in a statement.

CBC Radio-Canada has already begun rolling out new regional websites across the country with geo-located French-language content. These websites, along with other new digital content, will be available Canada-wide by fall.

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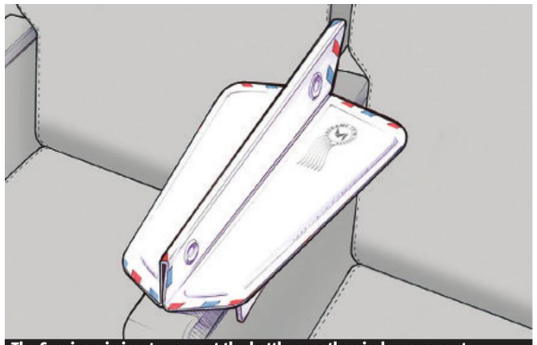
Digital offerings

- CEO Hubert Lacroix announced in June that the broadcaster was planning to cut down local newscasts as part of a plan to increase digital offerings by 2020.
- He did not provide details at that time. But he did say that between 1,000 and 1,500 jobs would be trimmed over the next five years.



The Soarigami aims to prevent the battle over the airplane armrest.
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Invention. Device could end in-flight elbow wars

A B.C. man has invented a device he claims could finally bring an end to in-flight elbow wars.

Called Soarigami, the plastic divider attaches to an existing armrest and doubles the usable space, preventing the possibility of awkward elbow rubbing with strangers.

"We're trying to make flying less stressful and just kind of lighten the mood a little bit," company co-founder Arthur Chang told Metro.

When it launches, Soarigami — which takes its name from Japanese words sora (sky) and gami (grace) — will take on the form of a simple, paper airplane-inspired origami design.

Buzz is already building on social media about Soarigami.

Since launching the website and an animated video, complete with a catchy song, the "Annoying Passenger Anthem," Chang said the company's pre-order list has taken off.

Initial public criticism has already inspired Soarigami's makers to alter its design slightly, turning it around so the wider part of the plane is at the front of the armrest to prevent it from potentially digging into a user's side.

Available for pre-order online, Soarigami will go on sale for about $30 and is expected to launch in early 2015.

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Anti-competition

Bureau probes Apple contracts

The Competition Bureau is investigating allegations that Apple uses anti-competitive clauses in its contracts with Canadian wireless carriers.

Spokesman Greg Scott says the bureau sought a court order earlier this week to compel Apple Canada Inc. to hand over records relating to the investigation. The bureau says it has not yet concluded whether there has been any wrongdoing on Apple's part. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN DEFENCE OF CALGARY'S WORST DRIVER

THE KOHLER REPORT
By Rebecca Kohler

Water coolers were abuzz this week with talk of the latest YouTube sensation: Calgary's Worst Driver.

The four-minute video, caught on surveillance camera and seen by millions of people, depicts a woman in a silver BMW SUV trying to manoeuvre out of a parking spot. Her skills are so poor, the Beemer looks less like a vehicle and more like a confused bull charging backward at an invisible conquistador, in slow motion. She even hits a car behind her.

As I watched this driving instructor's nightmare, I was hit with several emotions: Frustration, incredulity and, I'll be honest, judgment.

But, as I snickered, the video started to feel quite familiar — not because I'd seen it before, but because I had been *that driver*.

Don't get me wrong: I'm not as bad as Calgary's W.D., but, as someone who got behind the wheel only in her 30s, I'm also no Jacques Villeneuve. I once rented a car in Los Angeles and attempted to exit the parking lot the wrong way. I got stuck, and the Enterprise representative had to take over and get it out for me.

I think we were both glad I'd opted for the insurance.

Another time, at a Loblaws parking lot, I was trying to get into a tight spot and was dangerously close to the car beside me. As I struggled, I looked out the window and made eye contact with a man who was shaking his head "no" at me. It wasn't a sympathetic shake, it was more of a "you are a pathetic human being" gesture. I got red in the face and decided it was best I go home and not buy groceries that day.

It's easy to think other people are idiots, because they're not us. It's like those times in public bathrooms when I'll hear someone in a stall having a bad bowel day. I'll think, "Gross. What a loser."

And then I'll remember that I, too, have eaten tainted sushi outside of the house. (As a side note, in these cases, I always feel compelled to look under the stall at her shoes — as if the fact that she's wearing Uggs will shed some light on why this is happening to her.)

Calgary's Worst Driver also had the worst luck getting caught on camera, so I hesitate to laugh too hard. Public humiliation could happen to any of us.

It's winter now. Imagine tomorrow you wipe out on the ice, only to have yourself broadcast on the CBC News as Toronto's Worst Walker. You'd have a whole YouTube comment section dedicated to your inability to saunter. We live in a world where cameras are everywhere — and there are so many things I'm glad an iPhone hasn't caught me doing: From licking the inside of a pizza box to scratching the inside of my nose. With less luck, I would have already been crowned Canada's Most Disgusting Person.

All of this said, I'm not letting the lady behind the wheel of the silver BMW entirely off the hook; she's deserving of some of our collective scorn, not because she is a terrible driver, but because she hit a car and then (slowly) fled the scene. It's one thing to be a bozo on your own time, but as soon as you drag someone else into your incompetence, you should do the right thing and leave a note on your victim's windshield.

Being bad at something doesn't make you worthy of ridicule and judgment, but making someone else pay for it does.

To watch the notorious video, scan this image with your Metro News app. SCREENGRAB

Happy face/Sad face

From serpentine revenge to serpentine non-events, Metro weighs in on the news that made headlines this week

SNAKES IN A CAFÉ

Ever been so mad at the absence of diced onions on your Tim's sandwich that you threw a snake at the cashier? Well one guy in Saskatoon (allegedly) has, and now he's facing charges. Police claim the suspect grabbed a garter snake from his friend's pocket and lobbed it behind the counter because his breakfast wasn't made to his liking. Talk about a hissy fit. (See what we did there?)

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MALALA YOUSAFZAI

On Wednesday this amazing Pakistani teen became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Yousafzai brought her two best friends — who were also injured when she was shot by the Taliban — to Oslo with her to share in the incredible moment.

GOING NUTS OVER NUTS

How's this for air rage? An Air Korea flight was delayed when the airline chairman's daughter ordered a crew member off the plane for serving nuts in a bag rather than on a plate. Cho Hyun-ah — who is also an executive for the airline — may be charged for breaching aviation safety regulations by interrupting a flight.

EBOLA FIGHTERS

For their "tireless acts of courage and mercy," Time magazine has named frontline workers in the fight against Ebola as its Person of the Year. More than 600 healthcare workers have developed the disease, and nearly 350 have died, according to the World Health Organization.

NOT EATEN ALIVE

In other snake news ... naturalist Paul Rosolie disappointed four million Discovery Channel viewers when his much-hyped two-hour show Eaten Alive — in which he was to wear a special suit and get eaten by an anaconda — fell short of its graphic promise. Rosolie was *not* eaten, but did suffer an arm injury from being constricted. In the words of Stephen Colbert: "You promised us Paul Rosolie would be eaten alive... But you only gave us 'Cuddled Alive.'"

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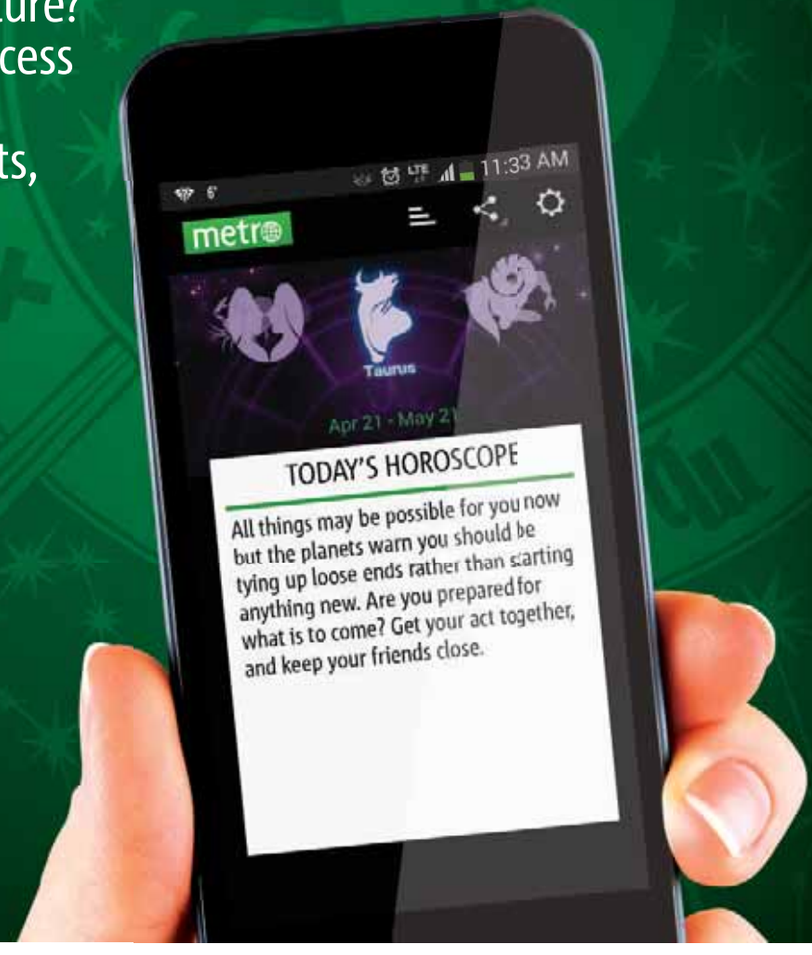

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Turing's 5 awesome things

The Imitation Game. Benedict Cumberbatch is so impressed with Second World War hero Alan Turing, he offers five reasons to watch the new biopic

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When Benedict Cumberbatch signed on to play Second World War code breaker and computer pioneer Alan Turing in The Imitation Game, he became enamoured with the man. And he thinks you should be, too.

So here, in his own words, is why Cumberbatch thinks Turing is such "an extraordinary human being" — and why the film chronicling his decoding of the German Enigma machine and turning the tide of war deserves your attention.

1. He made great things out of great suffering.
"All of the worst moments in his life led to achievements," explains Cumberbatch. "Being ostracized from a group made him think about isolating work. Not understanding how to communicate because so much of what he had to deal with in his life was to do with secrets made him an expert cryptographer. The idea of clandestine, repressed coding and analyzing that language was just completely borne out of his circumstance."

2. He's not a Sherlock knock-off.
"Though Sherlock is an immediate comparison, they're so different. Sherlock is a sociopathic show-off, and Alan was anything but. He was a team player despite our narrative arc in our story."

3. He never had a chance to be comfortable with himself.
"At university, he was in a very openly extroverted and celebratory gay culture, but he was incredibly shy because he'd spent his entire childhood loving somebody who then died. Not having it consummated or having it reciprocated, he hadn't formed that understanding of what that was and didn't have any confidence with it. So that was almost as terrifying as complete intolerance."

4. He was not a fan of metaphors and puns.
"There was just enough in language that he found disturbing to what he understood of things and how language should be used — what words are literally interpretable as, rather than innuendo or inflection or irony. If you take the bare instructions of what words are, he was fascinated with that."

5. He can be funny — and it's OK to laugh.
"(The film) should be funny — and sometimes unintentionally on his part. It's him missing the point, or not missing the point, but everyone else using lazy language and him thinking they mean literally what they mean. I don't think he was always trying to be a pedant. I think he genuinely did think in a very literal way, hence his discoveries."

Keira Knightley and Benedict Cumberbatch star in The Imitation Game, now in theatres. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analysis

Turing definitely a hero, says Allen Leech

Allen Leech
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Irish actor Allen Leech first gained notoriety as upstart chauffeur Tom Branson on Downton Abbey. While that show has slowly crept through the first half of the 20th century, Leech is jumping forward a few years with The Imitation Game, starring as part of the team of mathematicians who help Alan Turing crack the Nazi Enigma machine.

Leech says he knew a bit about Turing before signing on with the film, but had no idea how much of a hero he was.

"I knew Alan Turing, I knew he'd built a machine, but I certainly didn't know the extent that he went to during the time at Bletchley Park, how hard he had to fight for the opportunity to make this machine and how hard he'd have to fight for his own existence later on in his life.

"Turing was a war hero. His work and the work of the people at Bletchley Park ended the war two years early, with an estimated saving of 14 million lives. I mean, anyone who says that Turing isn't a war hero just has to look at that fact, and what they estimated his achievement gave the Allies, and realize how important he was. Secrets give you power. At the time during the Second World War, if you had knowledge, then you became more powerful.

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Drama

Exodus: Gods and Kings

Director. Ridley Scott

Stars. Christian Bale, Ben Kingsley

From acclaimed director Ridley Scott (Gladiator, Prometheus) comes the epic adventure Exodus: Gods and Kings, the story of one man's daring courage to take on the might of an empire. Using state-of-the-art visual effects and 3D immersion, Scott brings new life to the story of the defiant leader Moses (Christian Bale).

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 45% **Audience:** + 96%

Mystery & Suspense

The Imitation Game

Director. Morten Tyldum

Stars. Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley

During the winter of 1952, British authorities entered the home of mathematician, cryptanalyst and war hero Alan Turing to investigate a reported burglary. They ended up arresting Turing himself on charges of gross indecency. That would lead to his conviction for the criminal offence of homosexuality. Little did officials know they were incriminating the pioneer of computing.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 86% **Audience:** + 98%

Drama

Zero Motivation

Director. Tayla Lavie

Stars. Dana Ivgy, Nelly Tagar

Private Benjamin meets M*A*S*H, speaks Hebrew, and keeps kosher. Set in a remote desert military base, a platoon of young women soldiers, all Israeli conscripts, serve out their time playing computer games, singing pop songs, and conspiring to get transferred to Tel Aviv — while endlessly serving coffee to the men who run the show.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 88% **Audience:** 90%

Documentary

The Decent One

Director. Vanessa Lapa

Stars. Tobias Moretti, Sophie Rois

A recently discovered cache of hundreds of personal letters, diaries and photos of Nazi Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler seems to reveal a thoughtful, loving husband and devoted father to his daughter. The documents found in the Himmler family house in 1945 were hidden in Tel Aviv for decades and sold to the father of the Israeli documentary filmmaker, Vanessa Lapa.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 69% **Audience:** + 67%

Drama

Wild

Director. Jean-Marc Vallée

Stars. Reese Witherspoon, Kevin Rankin

With the dissolution of her marriage and the death of her mother, Cheryl Strayed has lost all hope. After years of reckless, destructive behaviour, she makes a rash decision. With absolutely no experience, driven only by sheer determination, Cheryl hikes more than a thousand miles of the Pacific Crest Trail, alone.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 88% **Audience:** + 95%

Drama/Action

Copenhagen

Director. Mark Raso

Stars. Gethin Anthony

After weeks of travelling through Europe, the immature William (Gethin Anthony, Game of Thrones) finds himself at a crossroads in Copenhagen. Not just another beautiful European city, Copenhagen is also the birthplace of his father. When William meets pretty local girl Effy, they set off on an adventure to find his grandfather.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 90% **Audience:** + 85%

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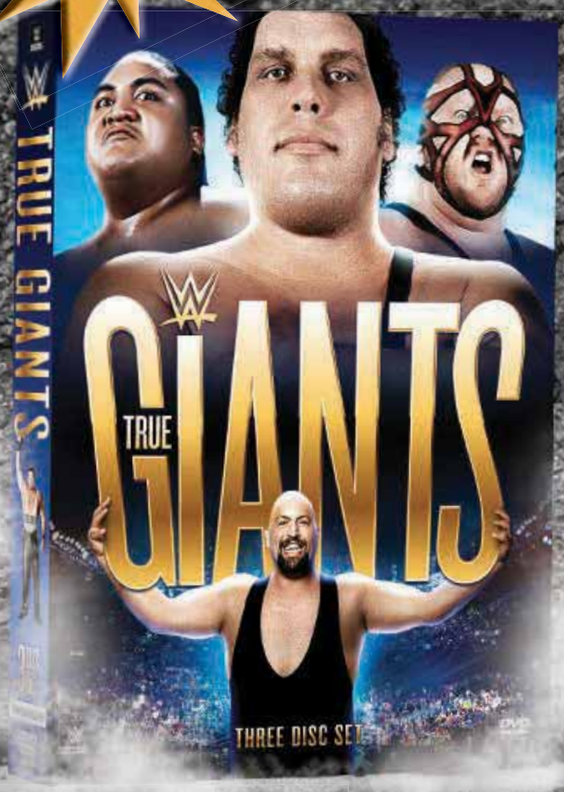

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Finding an end by wrapping the beginning

Producer interview. With the last Hobbit film, Peter Jackson is thrilled to finally finish his Lord of the Rings adventure

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Thirteen years, six movies and more than 1,000 minutes of film later, Peter Jackson is ready for a break.

"You can't believe how much we don't want anything to do," he says.

With the release of The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies, the journey that began with 2001's The Fellowship of the Ring has come to an end for the director and his wife, producer and screenwriter Fran Walsh.

"We haven't had a day when we've woken up and there hasn't been a deadline," he says of the last 13 years.

"Even if you go on vacation and they say, 'You finished the first Hobbit movie and you can have three weeks off over Christmas,' but we have to come back and start work on the next one on January 6, so it has always been this sort of looming thing.

"Now we get to wake up and it is done, finished, nothing left to do. We deliberately haven't taken on any other work because Fran and I wanted so badly, for once in our professional lives of 30-odd years, to not have anything to do. That doesn't mean that six weeks into our holiday we'll not be so bloody bored that we'll immediately start another project. That would be fine. At least we'll do it for the right reasons."

The new film is the end of an era, and the beginning of one of the biggest movie franchises in history. As the third part of the Hobbit trilogy, it brings to an end Jackson's J.R.R. Tolkien's adaptations. In the chronology, however, it is midway, the film that sets up the Lord of the Rings pictures.

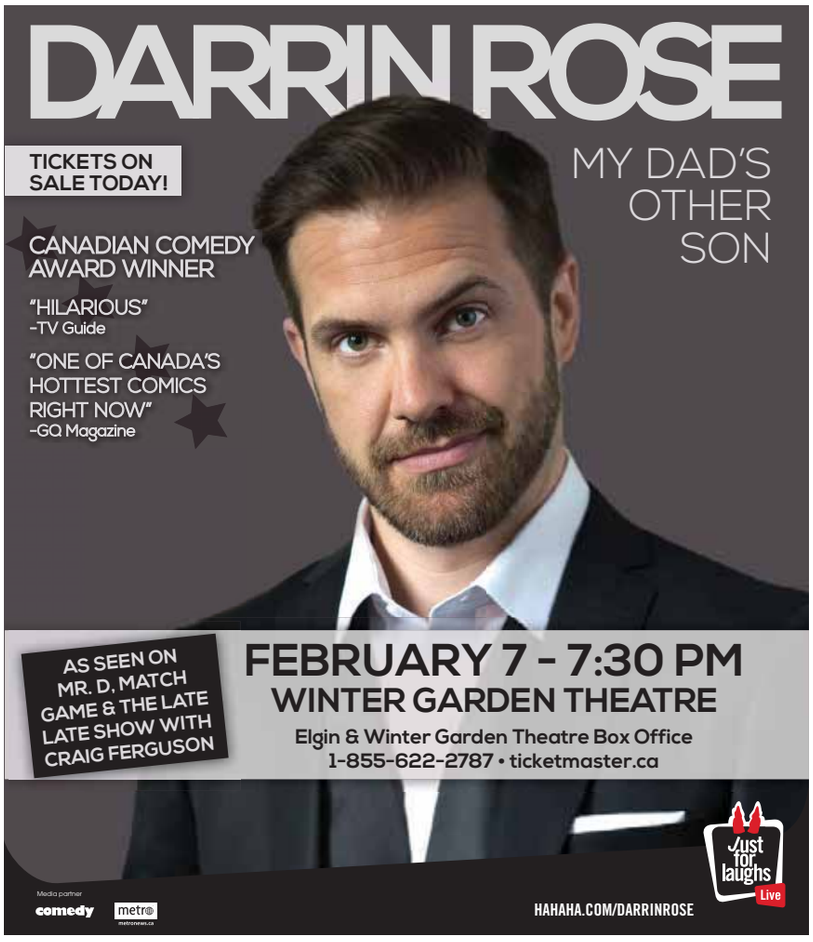
"To me it has significance because it is the moment in time where a six-film series finally comes into focus," he says. "We are only four or five years away from a generation arriving who will have no memory or knowledge of how these films were released when they came out. All they'll have is a six-part box set and hopefully they'll start at the beginning and go through to the end. To me, until this movie actually existed there were these parts that were floating out there that can now be together."

He may be done with the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit movies — "I have other things I want to make. I think it would be a terrible sad thing to spend the rest of my life going back over these films and trying to make them better" — but he's not done with the cast he built over the years.

"We've just got such a wonderful collection of actors of all different types, and we're friends now," he says.

"I would be a happy man if I could make movies for the rest of my life using the cast we've used to date. I love it when directors have relationships with the same actors in film after film. It's a fantastic thing."

Peter Jackson says he and his wife have no work planned now that The Hobbit trilogy has wrapped. CONTRIBUTED



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Birdman, Boyhood have that golden touch

Awards. Aside from wild cards like The Judge, the Golden Globe noms are a pretty predictable lot

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Not surprisingly, Birdman racked up seven Golden Globe nominations. CONTRIBUTED

Steve Carell grabbed a best actor in a motion picture drama nomination for his chilling role in Foxcatcher. CONTRIBUTED

The Golden Globes, the Oscars' more fun, slightly more dishevelled younger sibling, rolled out their nominations for 2014. Traditionally what they pick has been a reasonably accurate prediction of what the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will themselves choose, as well as what has been feted by other laudatory organizations. And if you've been following critics groups' awards, you already know that Boyhood and Birdman are the best horses for your betting needs.

That said, there are always some wild cards, the most glaring being the nomination for Robert Duvall for The Judge — a rickety, faintly offensive stab at a crowd-pleasing awards gobbler that presumably most people already forget ever existed. In a similar but different vein, Jessica Chastain racked up her token nod for the 10,000 movies she did this year, but it wasn't for The Disappearance of Eleanor Rigby, as the Weinstein Company would have liked. Instead it's for her Brooklyn-accented work in the crime saga A Most Violent Year.

Julianne Moore wound up with two nominations — one for the Alzheimer's drama Still Alice, another for David Cronenberg's Hollywood satire Maps to the Stars, the latter, which had seemed to have been lost in the shuffle.

The most curious bits involved the Globes' classification system, especially what it designates as comedy and drama. It's neat that they didn't try to elevate the very silly Birdman — or the even nuttier Inherent Vice, which scored a single nod, for Joaquin Phoenix — to the prestigious dramatic category.

That said, is Tim Burton's Big Eyes really a comedy? Its tale of a woman (Amy Adams) whose paintings are stolen by her abusive husband (Christoph Waltz) is very broadly played, but is that even the same thing?

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Golden Globe film nominees

- **Best picture, drama.**
  Boyhood;
  Foxcatcher;
  The Imitation Game;
  Selma;
  The Theory of Everything
- **Best picture, comedy or musical.**
  Birdman;
  The Grand Budapest Hotel;
  Into the Woods;
  Pride;
  St. Vincent
- **Best director.**
  Wes Anderson, The Grand Budapest Hotel;
  Ava DuVernay, Selma;
  David Fincher, Gone Girl;
  Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, Birdman;
  Richard Linklater, Boyhood;
- **Best actress, drama.**
  Jennifer Aniston, Cake;
  Felicity Jones, The Theory of Everything;
  Julianne Moore, Still Alice;
  Rosamund Pike, Gone Girl;
  Reese Witherspoon, Wild
- **Best actor, drama.**
  Steve Carell, Foxcatcher;
  Benedict Cumberbatch, The Imitation Game;
  Jake Gyllenhaal, Nightcrawler;
  David Oyelowo, Selma;
  Eddie Redmayne, The Theory of Everything
- **Best actress, comedy or musical.**
  Amy Adams, Big Eyes;
  Emily Blunt, Into the Woods;
  Helen Mirren, The Hundred Foot Journey;
  Julianne Moore, Maps to the Stars;
  Quvenzhae Wallis, Annie
- **Best actor, comedy or musical.**
  Ralph Fiennes, The Grand Budapest Hotel;
  Michael Keaton, Birdman;
  Bill Murray, St. Vincent;
  Joaquin Phoenix, Inherent Vice;
  Christoph Waltz, Birdman;
- **Best screenplay.**
  The Grand Budapest Hotel;
  Gone Girl;
  Birdman;
  Boyhood;
  The Imitation Game

The full list of nominees is available online at metronews.ca.

Television. Hollywood Foreign Press disses Mad Men, Modern Family

On the television side, the nominations for this year's Golden Globes has some genuine surprises, a few head-scratching snubs and some clues about how the TV landscape is continuing to shift. HBO once again dominates the networks, pulling in 15 nominations, but Showtime is closing in with nine. And the most-nominated show, Fargo, was on basic cable channel FX, not HBO or another premium. HBO's True Detective, though, ranks second with four nominations.

Aside from the attention to the fantastic Fargo, it's also a delight to see Jane the Virgin — especially star Gina Rodriguez — get some attention, as well as the Amazon streaming series Transparent. But come on, Hollywood Foreign Press Association, no recognition for Mad Men, which is heading into its final run of episodes and continues to be one of the best shows on television? And why does Downton Abbey continue to rack up nominations year after year — it earned two this year, for best miniseries and supporting actress Joanne Froggatt — when its quality continues to slide since its impressive first season? Still, it takes guts to not nominate comedy juggernaut and perennial Emmy favourite Modern Family for a single award, so kudos.

The Golden Globes air Jan. 11, hosted by Tina Fey and (the unnominated) Amy Poehler.

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Golden Globe television nominees

Transparent has been nominated in the best comedy or musical series category. CONTRIBUTED

- **Drama series.**
  The Affair;
  Downton Abbey;
  Game of Thrones;
  The Good Wife;
  House of Cards
- **Drama, actor.**
  Clive Owen, The Knick;
  Liev Schreiber, Ray Donovan;
  Kevin Spacey, House of Cards;
  James Spader, The Blacklist;
  Dominic West, The Affair
- **Drama, actress.**
  Claire Danes, Homeland;
  Viola Davis, How to Get Away With Murder;
  Julianna Margulies, The Good Wife;
  Ruth Wilson, The Affair;
  Robin Wright, House of Cards
- **Comedy or musical series.**
  Girls;
  Jane the Virgin;
  Orange Is the New Black;
  Silicon Valley;
  Transparent
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Going straight can be rocky

Top Five. From Bill Murray and Robin Williams to Jim Carrey and Jonah Hill, all comic actors eventually attempt to switch to more dramatic roles

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Chris Rock wrote, directed and stars in his new comedy, Top Five. CONTRIBUTED

Bill Murray became a big-screen superstar on the back of loose-limbed performances in comedies like Caddyshack, Stripes and Ghostbusters. By 1984, however, he was tiring of playing the clown and looking to do something with a bit more of an edge.

When director John Byrum gave him a copy of W. Somerset Maugham's 1944 novel The Razor's Edge, Murray responded the very next day.

Calling the director at 4 a.m., he said, "This is Larry, Larry Darrell," dropping the name of the novel's main character, an enigmatic man on a quest for spiritual fulfilment.

The resulting film bombed, with Roger Ebert suggesting Murray played "the hero as if fate is a comedian and he is the straight man."

Of course Murray has gone on to become a credible and in-demand dramatic actor, but the story of a comedian's rocky leap from farce to drama still rings true today.

Chris Rock's new comedy Top Five tells the story of Andre Allen, a fictional megastar trying to jump from silly comedies to Uprize, a serious drama about the slave revolt in Haiti.

Top Five is a new twist on an old story. Many comedians have tried to flick the switch from comedy to drama.

Robin Williams effortlessly hopped between genres. In 2002 alone, he made three films: the lowbrow laffer Death to Smoochy, the psychodrama One Hour Photo and Christopher Nolan's thriller Insomnia.

Will Ferrell, Steve Carell and Jonah Hill are known for funny movies like Blades of Glory, The 40-Year-Old Virgin and Superbad, but each have stretched their dramatic muscles.

Ferrell's Stranger Than Fiction earned a good review from Roger Ebert, who said Ferrell "has dramatic gifts to equal his comedic talent."

Carell's new drama Foxcatcher looks poised to earn him notice at awards time.

And Jonah Hill is a two-time Oscar nominee for heavyweights Moneyball and The Wolf of Wall Street.

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Top Five

Director. Chris Rock

Stars. Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union

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The top five things to know about Top Five are: It works as a comedy, as a romance, as a look at creative fulfilment, as a showcase for Chris Rock's comedian friends and as a portrait of fame in the 2000s.

Rock, who also writes and directs in this film, stars as a comedian making a switch to serious drama.

Promoting his new movie and nuptials to reality star Erica (Gabrielle Union), he spends the day with reporter Chelsea Brown (Rosario Dawson) who urges him to think about his past and future.

Unlike his movie alter ego, Rock is clearly still interested in being funny in this personal film that crackles with energy and NSFW humour.

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The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Tue 12:01 No Passes Wed 12:20-3:20-6:50-9:45 No Passes Thu 3:20-6:50-9:45 Thu 12:20
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 3:35-9:35 Sat 3:35-9:35-11:40 Sun-Mon 3:35-9:35 Tue 3:35-9:35-11:40
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20 Sat 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20-11:30 Sun-Mon 3:40-9:20 Tue 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20-11:30 Wed 3:40-9:40 Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:20 Sun-Mon 12:40-6:45 Wed 12:40-6:45
Interstellar (PG) Fri 12:30-4-7:30 Sat 12:30-4-7:30-10:45 Sun-Wed 12:30-4-7:30 Thu 12:30-4
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) Thu 7:15-9:25
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:50-8:55

Revue Cinema
400 Roncesvalles Ave.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG) Sat 2-4 Sun 2
Closed for Renovations (STC) Mon-Thu
Force Majeure (14A) Fri 7 Sat 9 Sun 7
John Wick (14A) Fri 9:30 Sat 7 Sun 9:30

The Royal
608 College St..

The Boxtrolls (G) Sun 2
Cold in July (R) Fri 9:15 Sat 4 Sun 7 Tue-Wed 9:15 Thu 7
A Cosmic Christmas (STC) Sat 2
Mystery Movie Night (STC) Wed 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
The Search for Weng Weng (STC) Thu 9:15
Spice World (PG) Sun 4
Trading Places (14A) Tue 7
The Weight of Chains (STC) Sat 9
Whiplash (14A) Fri 7 Sun 9

Varsity
55 Bloor St. W.,

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Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:25-7:20-10:10 Mon 12:40-3:35-9:20 Tue 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:20
Foxcatcher (14A) Fri-Sun 1-3:55-7:15-10:15 Mon-Tue 1:25-4:20-7:35-10:30 Wed-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:25-9:20 Fri-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:05-10:05 Mon 1:10-4:05-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:20-10:10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:45 Mon-Tue 1-3:55-6:50-9:40 Wed 1-4-10:25 Thu 1-4-9:40
The Imitation Game (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:20-2-4:10-4:50-7-7:40-9:50-10:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:20-1:50-4:10-4:40-7-7:30-9:50-10:20 No Passes Fri-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:30
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Sun 12:25
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:30-9:30 Mon-Tue 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:35 Wed-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:45-9:35 Fri-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:25-9:20 Mon 3:45-10:30 Tue 12:30-3:20-6:20-9:10 Wed 3:10-10:30 Thu 12:30-3:20-6:20-9:10
Whiplash (14A) Fri-Sun 4-6:35-9:10
Wild (18A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:55-7:50-10:40 Mon-Tue 1:45-4:35-7:15-10 Wed-Thu 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:05 Fri-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:25 Mon 12:30-3:30-6:20-9:10 Tue 1:35-4:25-7:05-9:50 Wed 12:30-3:30-6:20-9:10 Thu 1:35-4:25-7:05-9:50

Canada Square
2200 Yonge St.

Citizenfour (PG) Fri 4:20-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:20-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30
Gemma Bovery (14A) Fri 4-6:30-9 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-6:30-9 Mon-Thu 6-8:20
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 3:40-6:45-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:45-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-8:10
The Judge (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 5-8
Past Tense (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-10 Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20
Rosewater (14A) Fri 4:40-7:10-9:30 Sat-Sun 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:50
St. Vincent (14A) Fri 4:10-6:40-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:10-6:40-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:30-8
Whiplash (14A) Fri 4:30-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:40

Mt. Pleasant Theatre
675 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Force Majeure (14A) Sat 4 Sun 7 Tue 7
Fury (14A) Fri-Sat 9:20
My Old Lady (PG) Fri-Sat 6:50 Sun 4:20 Wed-Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon

Regent Theatre
551 Mt.Pleasant Rd.

Boyhood (14A) Sat-Sun 3:45 Wed 7
The Homesman (14A) Sat 7-9:20 Sun 7 Tue 7 Thu 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Mon

Yonge-Eglinton Centre
2300 Yonge St.

Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 3:50-6:55-9:45
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 5-7:40-10:25 Sat 7:40-10:25 Sun 4:40-7:40-10:25 Mon 1:40-4:20-10:25 Tue 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25
Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 4 No Passes Wed 3:40 No Passes Thu 4
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:40-7:20-10:40 No Passes Wed 12:10-7:20-10:40 No Passes Thu 12:40-7:20-10:40
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:20-6:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed 12-10:10 No Passes Thu 12-9:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 1:20-4:15-7-9:10-9:50 Sat 4:15-7-9:10-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:15-7-9:10-9:50 Mon 1:20-3:55-6:30-9:10-10:35 Tue 1:20-4:15-7-9:10-9:50 Wed-Thu 1:20-4:15-7-9:50
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:50-10 Mon 12:30-3:20-7:15-10:30 Tue-Wed 12:30-3:20-6:50-10 Thu 12:20-3:20-6:50-10
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:45-6:30-10:15 Sat 12-6:30-10:15 Sun 2:45-6:30-10:15 Mon 2:45-10:15 Tue 2:45-6:30-10:15 Wed 2:45-10:15 Thu 2:45-6:30-10:15
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
The Metropolitan Opera: Le Nozze Di Figaro - Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Tue 1:15-3:40-6:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 2:55
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Tue 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:45-10:05 Wed-Thu 5:20-7:45-10:05
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:30-3:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon 12:35-3:30-10:30 Tue 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Wed 4:30-7:30-10:30 Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

Yonge & Dundas 24
10 Dundas St East

Action Jackson (14A) Fri 1:45-4:55-8:05-11:15 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:25-7:35-10:50 Mon 12:05-3:15-7:35-10:50 Tue-Thu 1:05-4:25-7:35-10:50
Annie (PG) No Passes Thu 7
Back in Time (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10-5:10-7:55-10:40
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 2:30 Sat-Sun 11:55 Mon 1:50 Tue-Thu 12
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri 5:05-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15 Mon 4:25-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 2:30-5:05-7:40-10:15
Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri 2:55-5:40-8:25-11:10 Sat-Thu 12:10-2:55-5:40-8:25-11:10
Corner Gas: The Movie (STC) Fri 7 Sat 1-7 Sun 3:30-7
Dear White People (14A) Fri 3-5:35-8:10-11:05 Sat-Sun 11:55-3-5:35-8:10-11:05 Mon 2:30-5:05-7:40-11:05 Tue-Thu 12:05-3-5:35-8:10-11:05
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 3:40-6:15-8:50-11:25 Sat 12:55-3:40-6:15-8:50-11:25 Sun-Wed 12:50-3:25-6-8:35-11:10 Thu 12:50-3:25-6-11:10
Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55 Mon 3 Thu 12:30
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri 4:15-7:45 No Passes Sat-Thu 12:45-4:15-7:45
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:15 No Passes Fri 3-7:30-11 No Passes Sat-Tue 12-3:50-7:30-11 No Passes Wed-Thu 3-6:30-10:40
Exodus: Gods and Kings An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30-7-10:30 No Passes Sat-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Foxcatcher (14A) Fri 1:50-4:55-8-10:55 Sat-Wed 1:40-4:55-8-10:55 Thu 4:55-8-10:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
Fury (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:50-11
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12-2:30-3:45-6-7:30-9:50-11
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 4-7-10:30 Sat 1-4:15-7-10:30 Sun-Tue 1-4:15-7-10:20
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-8-9:30-11:30 Sat 12:30-2-3:30-5-6:30-8-9:30-11:30 Sun-Tue 12:30-2-3:30-5-6:30-8-9:30-11:15 Wed-Thu 1-4-7-10:10
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2-6-10 Sat-Tue 1:30-6-10 Wed-Thu 1:30-5:30-9:20
Love Actually (14A) Fri 2-9:30 Sat 3:30 Mon 8 Tue 12:30-6 Wed 12:30-10:45 Thu 2:45-8
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri 2:25-5-7:40-10:25 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:25-5-7:40-10:25 Mon 2:25-5-10:45 Tue-Wed 2:25-5-7:40-10:25 Thu 12:20-3:10-10:25
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 9:30 Mon 12:30-5:30 Tue 3:30-9 Wed 4 Thu 5:45
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Thu 7
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat 2-4:10-7:50-10:15 Sun 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon 1-3:30-11 Tue-Wed 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45 Thu 2:15-4:45-10
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45 Sat-Thu 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:45
PK (STC) Thu 9:30
Serena (14A) Fri 3:25-6:10-8:45-11:20 Sat 12:40-3:25-6:10-8:45-11:20 Sun-Wed 12:40-3:20-5:55-8:30-11:05 Thu 1:05-4:10-7:15-11:05
St. Vincent (14A) Fri 2:50-5:20-7:55-10:25 Sat 12:20-2:50-5:20-10:25 Sun 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:55-10:25 Mon 12:20-2:50-5:20-10:25 Tue-Wed 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:55-10:25 Thu 5:20-7:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 2
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri 3:10-6:05-9:05 Sat-Thu 12:25-3:10-6:05-9:05
Women Who Flirt (PG) Fri 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10 Sat-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10

TIFF Bell Lightbox
350 King St. West

Barry Lyndon (14A) Sun 3:30
Can't Hardly Wait (PG) Fri 9
Citizenfour (PG) Fri 12:20-2:50-7:15-9:45 Sat 12:10-2:40-7:30-9:10 Sun 12-4:30-7:10-9:45 Mon 6:30 Tue 12-2:40-7:15-9:45 Wed 12:10-2:40-7:25-9:45 Thu 12:10-2:40-4:30-7:15-9:45
Fall (PG) Fri 2:30-7 Sat 2-7:10 Sun 2:30-7 Mon 7 Tue 2:30-7 Wed 2:30-6:50 Thu 2:30-7
Film Socialisme (PG) Sat 7
Force Majeure (14A) Fri 3:30-6:40-9:20 Sat 4:40-7:20-9:20 Sun 3:15-7:20-9 Mon 6:10 Tue 3:45-5:15-9 Wed 3:30-6:40-9 Thu 1:30-3:30-6:40-8:40
Funny/Peculiar (14A) Thu 6:30
Godard Shorts 2 (STC) Tue 6:30
Hard to Kill (14A) Tue 9:30
Heartbeat (14A) Fri 1:10-9:30 Sat 5-9:55 Sun 12:10-9:55 Tue 5:05-9:30 Wed 12:20-4:30-9:15 Thu 12:20-9:20
The Killing (PG) Sun 1
My Neighbor Totoro (G) Fri 1
The Night of the Hunter (14A) Sat 1
Paths of Glory (PG) Sat 3:30
Ponyo (G) Fri 3:30
Rosewater (14A) Fri 12:10 Sat 12-2:15-5:10-10 Sun 2:20-4:40 Mon 6:20 Tue 12:15-1:30-4:45-10 Wed 12:35-2:55-5:10-9:55 Thu 12:45-3-5-9:10
Selma (14A) Wed 7:15
The Shining (R) Sun 7:30
Six Fois Deux: Sur et Sous La Communication Parts I-II (14A) Sat 1

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350 King St. West

A.I.: Artificial Intelligence (14A) Sun 6
Citizenfour (PG) Fri 12-3:15-4:30-7-9:20 Sat 12-3-5-7-9:45 Sun 2:40-5:10-7:40-9:30 Mon 7-9:30 Tue 12:15-2-3-7-9:30 Wed 12:15-2-2:45-7-9:30 Thu 12:15-1:45-2:45-7-9:30
Cruel Intentions (14A) Fri 9:30
Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (PG) Tue 6:30
Eyes Wide Shut (R) Sat 6:30
Fall (PG) Fri 2:20-4:20 Sat 2:50-4:50 Sun 4:50-7 Mon 6:30 Tue 2:45-4:45 Wed 3:30-5:30 Thu 12:30-3:30-9:40
Force Majeure (14A) Fri 12:15-3-6:20-9:45 Sat 12:10-3:15-6:50-9:25 Sun 12-3-6:40-9 Mon 6:40-9:15 Tue 12-3:15-6:40-9:15 Wed 12-3-6:40-9:15 Thu 12-3-6:40-9:50
Full Metal Jacket (14A) Fri 6:30
Godard Shorts III (18A) Sat 3:30
Hard Target (R) Tue 9
Holiday Inn (G) Sat 12:30
The Old Place (PG) Sun 3:30
Recommendation for Mercy (R) Thu 6:30
Robin Hood: Men in Tights (PG) Sat 10
Rosewater (14A) Fri 5-9:10 Sat 12:45-10:10 Sun 3:30-9:10 Mon 9 Tue 5-7:10-9:40 Wed-Thu 5-9:10
Scrooge (PG) Sun 1
Zero Motivation (14A) Fri 2:30-7:30 Sat 2:30-7:40 Sun 2:30-7:30-9:50 Mon 7:30-9:50 Tue-Wed 2:30-7:30-9:50 Thu 2:30-7:30-10

Albion Cinemas
1530 Albion Rd.

Action Jackson (14A) Fri-Sun 3:35-9:25 Mon-Thu 9:25
Chaar Sahibzaade (PG) Fri-Thu 6:35
Lingaa (STC) Fri-Sun 3:30-7-10:30 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:50

Queensway
1025 The Queensway

Annie (PG) No Passes Thu 7
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20 Sun 1 Mon-Tue 12:50 Wed-Thu 1:30
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Sat 4:20-7-9:40 Sun-Tue 3:45-6:50-9:30 Wed 4:10-6:50-9:30 Thu 4:15-6:50-9:30
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 1-4-7:10-9:55 Sat 1-4-7:10-10 Sun-Tue 1:40-4:25-7:35-10:15 Wed 1:20-4:20-7:25-10:20 Thu 12:55-3:30-6:45-9:25
Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri 2-6:30-10 No Passes Sat 11:15-2:30-6:30-10 No Passes Sun-Tue 2:45-6:10-9:35 No Passes Wed 6:40-10:05 No Passes Thu 3:10-6:40-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 12:30-3:50-7:20-10:50 No Passes Sat 12:20-3:50-7:20-10:50 No Passes Sun 12:10-3:35-7-10:25 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:20-3:35-7-10:25 No Passes Wed 12:40-4-7:30-10:50 No Passes Thu 12:40-4:05-7:30-10:50 No Passes Fri-Tue 2:45-6:30-10:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 2-5:30-9
Fury (14A) Fri-Sat 9:10 Sun-Tue 8:55
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 1:10-4:50-8:20 Sat 6:35-9:55 Sun 3:15-6:40-10 Mon 3:05-10:30 Tue 3:10-6:40-10 Wed 2:50-6:10-9:25 Thu 3:20-9:55
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:10-5:30-8:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 2:30-6-9:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 3-6:20-9:40 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:30-7-10:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sat 11:50-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:45 Sun-Tue 2:20-4:55-7:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 2:40-5:20-8-10:40 Fri 3:50-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-7-9:50 Mon-Tue 3:50-7-9:50 Wed-Thu 3-6:30-10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:45-3:40-6:50-9:45 Sat 12:40-3:40-9:45 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:25-6:20-9:15 Wed-Thu 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45 Fri 1:40-4:20-5-7:30-8:15-10:45 Sat-Sun 1-1:40-4:20-5-7:30-8:15-10:45 Mon-Tue 1:40-4:20-5-7:30-8:15-10:45 Wed-Thu 3-6:30-10 Fri-Sat 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:25 Sun-Tue 1:20-4:15-7:10-10:05
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:20-6:20-10:10 Sat 2:40-6:20-10:15 Sun 2-6-9:45 Mon 2:20-6:20-10:10 Tue 2-6-9:45 Wed-Thu 2:20-6:30-10:10 Fri-Tue 2:10-6-9:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
The Metropolitan Opera: Le Nozze Di Figaro - Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Thu 7:25
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:10-6:40 Sun 1:10-4-6:30 Mon 10:15-1:10-4-6:30 Tue 1:10-4-6:30 Wed-Thu 2:30
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 2:40-5:10-7:40-10:05 Sat 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10 Sun-Tue 2:10-4:45-7:20-9:40 Wed-Thu 5-7:20-9:45
The Polar Express 3D (STC) Sat 11
Serena (14A) Fri 12:50-3:30-6:10-9 Sat 6:10-9 Sun 12:35-3:50-6:25-9:10 Mon 12:50-3:30-6:10-9 Tue 12:40-3:50-6:25-9:05
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri 12:35-3:20-6:55-9:50 Sat 12:30-3:20-6:50-6:55-9:50 Sun 12:25-4:05-6:55-9:55 Mon-Tu

1-4:05-6:55-9:55 Wed 12:50-3:40-7-9:50 Thu 12:50-3:40-10
Top Five (18A) No Passes Fri 2:30-5:20-7:50-10:30 No Passes Sat 11:40-2:20-5:20-7:50-10:30 No Passes Sun 12-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25 No Passes Mon-Tue 2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25 No Passes Wed 4:40-7:40-10:15 No Passes Thu 2-4:40-7:40-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Wild (18A) Fri 2:10-5-8-10:55 Sat 1:10-3:55-7:45-10:40 Sun 1:50-4:35-7:40-10:30 Mon 12:25-3:15-7:40-10:55 Tue 1:50-4:35-7:40-10:30 Wed-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:45-10:35

Woodbine Centre
500 Rexdale Blvd.

Annie (PG) No Passes Thu 7-9:35
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Wed 1:10-4-6:55-9:25 Thu 1:10-4
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:50-9:35
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4:30-8
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:35-9:40
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Tue 1:15-3:50-7:05-9:40
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Wed 1:05-3:45-6:30-9:20 Thu 1:05-3:45
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Thu 7-9:25
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:15
Rio 2 (G) Sat 11
Top Five (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-3:55-7-9:30

Kingsway Theatre
3030 Bloor St. West

The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared (14A) Sat 5:15 Mon 5:15 Wed 5:15
Boyhood (14A) Sat 2:30 Mon 2:30 Wed 2:30
Copenhagen (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-7:15
Force Majeure (14A) Fri 3:30-9 Sat-Sun 11:05-3:30-9 Mon-Thu 3:30-9
The Hundred-Foot Journey (PG) Fri 2:30 Sun 2:30 Tue 2:30 Thu 2:30
My Old Lady (PG) Fri-Thu 12-5:30
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri-Sat 9:05-11:05 Sun-Thu 9:05
Pride (14A) Fri 5:15 Sun 5:15 Tue 5:15 Thu 5:15
Rosewater (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45
Whiplash (14A) Fri-Thu 11-7:15

Humber Cinema
2442 Bloor St. West

Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 3:35-6:45-9 Sat-Mon 1:10-3:35-6:45-9 Tue 3:35-6:45-9
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) Fri 3:25-6:30-9:25 Sat-Mon 12:30-3:25-6:30-9:25 Tue-Thu 3:25-6:30-9:25
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) Wed-Thu 3:45-6:40-9:35
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:10-7-9:35 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:10-7-9:35 Tue 4:10-7-9:35 Wed-Thu 4-7-9:45
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 3:45-7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:30-3:45-7:10-9:15 Mon-Tue 3:45-7:10-9:15 Wed-Thu 3:35-6:20-9 Mon 1

Beach Cinemas
1651 Queen St. E.,

Big Hero 6 (PG) Sat-Sun 1 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:15
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 4-6:30-9:15 Mon-Tue 6:30-9:15
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-7-10:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:15-3:45-7-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-10:20
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 6:45-10:10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:30-4:30-6:45-7:20-9:40-10:10 Sat 1:30-4:30-6:45-7:20-9:40-10:10 Sun 12:40-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:45-7:20-9:40-10:10 Mon-Tue 6:45-7:20-9:40-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:20-10:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Sat-Sun 12:30
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 4:45-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 2:45-5-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri 4:15-7:10-10 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:10-10 Mon-Thu 7:10-10

Fox Theatre
2236 Queen St. E.

The Boxtrolls 3D (G) Sat-Sun 1:30
Die Hard (18A) Thu 9:15
Gremlins (PG) Thu 7
Interstellar (PG) Fri 6:30 Sat-Sun 3:15-6:30 Mon 6:30 Wed 6:30
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri-Mon 9:45 Tue 6:45 Wed 9:45

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Big Hero 6 (PG) Sat-Sun 12:45
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri 3:15-6-9:35 Sat 3:20-8:45 Sun 3:20-6-9:35 Mon 3:15 Tue-Thu 3:15-6-9:35
Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 3:40 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:05
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 7-10:30 No Passes Sat 12:25-7-10:30 No Passes Sun 12:30-7-10:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 7-10:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:40-10:10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3-6:10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies -- An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-7:10-10:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 9:40
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 4:10-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 7:20-9:55 Mon 4:10-7:20 Tue-Thu 4:10-7:20-9:55
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:30-4:25-6:20-7:10-9:15-10 Sat 12:35-1:25-3:30-6-6:20-7:10-9:15-10 Sun 12:35-1:25-3:30-4:25-6:20-7:10-9:15-10 Mon 2:55-3:30-6:20-7:10-9:15-10 Tue 3:30-4:25-6:20-7:10-9:15-10 Wed-Thu 3:30-6:20-9:15
Interstellar (PG) Fri 5:10-8:55 Sat 1:35-5:10-8:55 Sun 1:15-3:50-7:55 Mon-Tue 5:10-8:55 Wed-Thu 3:10-6:50-10:25
Interstellar: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Tue 2:45-6:40-10:10
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
The Metropolitan Opera: Le Nozze Di Figaro - Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Sat 12:15-2:35-5 Sun 1:05
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 3-6:55-9:05 Sat 6:55-9:05 Sun 4-6:55-9:05 Mon-Tue 3-6:55-9:05 Wed-Thu 4:25-6:55-9:25
Royal Ballet: Alice's Adventures in Wonderland (STC) Wed 1
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri-Sun 4:55-7:40-10:25 Mon 4-7:15-10:05 Tue 3:40-6:30-9:25 Wed-Thu 3:40-7:40-10:20
Wild (18A) Fri 4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:55-4:45-7:30-10:20 Mon 2:50-9:55 Tue 4:40-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 4:20-7-10

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3401 Dufferin St.

Annie (PG) No Passes Thu 7
Beyond the Lights (14A) Fri-Tue 9:30
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 12:50 Sat 11:10-12:50 Sun-Tue 12:50 Wed-Thu 12:45
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 3:40-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:10
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Tue 1-4-6:40-9:50 Wed 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:50 Thu 1:45-4:20-9:50
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 4 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:45 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:40
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-7:20-10:40 No Passes Mon-Tue 12:30-7-10:20 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:20-7-10:20
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 9:30-12-3:20-6:40
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 10 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 2-5:30-9
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Sat 1:45-4:20-7:10-10 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10 Mon-Tue 1:20-4:10-7:10-10 Wed 1:15-4:10-7:20-10:10 Thu 1:15-4:10-10:10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sun 12:15-3:30-6:40-9:40 Mon-Tue 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:40 Wed 1-4:20-7:30-10:25 Thu 1-4:30-7:30-10:25 Fri 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:30 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:15
Interstellar (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-5:30-9:20 Mon 1:45 Tue 1:45-5:30-9:20
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Thu 7
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 1:45-4:20-7 Sat 11:30-2-4:20-7 Sun 1:45-4:20-7 Mon-Tue 1:10-4:20-6:50 Wed-Thu 1:30
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:50-10:10 Mon-Tue 12:30-2:55-5:20-7:40-10:05 Wed-Thu 4-6:50-9:20
The Polar Express 3D (STC) Sat 11
Top Five (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12-2:30-5:10-7:40-10:20 No Passes Mon 2-4:40-7:30-10:10 No Passes Tue 2-4:50-7:30-10:10 No Passes Wed 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:15 No Passes Thu 1:45-4:20-7:30-10

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Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 1:40 Sat 11-1:35 Sun-Thu 1:40
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-7:10-9:45
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 1:30-4:50-7:25-10 Sat-Sun 4:50-7:25-10 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:50-7:25-10
Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 3:25-9:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:25
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 1:35-6:45-10:10 No Passes Sat 12:05-6:45-10:10 No Passes Sun-Tue 1:35-6:45-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 1:30-6:45-10:10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:15-9:50
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-6:30-7:10-10:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 2-4:45-7:35-10:20 Sat 11:25-2-7:35-10:20 Sun-Thu 2-4:45-7:35-10:20
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 1:45-2:45-4:25-6-7:15-9:15-10:15 Sat 11:10-1:45-2:50-4:35-6-7:15-9:15-10:15 Sun-Tue 1:45-2:45-4:25-6-7:15-9:15-10:15 Wed 4:25-7:15-10:15 Thu 1:15-4:25-7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:15
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:30-6:15-9:50 Sat 11:05-2:45-6:20-9:50 Sun-Tue 2:30-6:15-9:50 Wed-Thu 2:15-6:15-9:55
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 1:50-4:20-6:40 Sat 11:20-1:50-4:20-6:40 Sun-Tue 1:50-4:20-6:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1 Thu 1
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 1-5-7:20-9:40 Sat 12:15-2:40-5-7:20-9:40 Sun-Tue 1-5-7:20-9:40 Wed-Thu 5-7:20-9:40
The Polar Express 3D (STC) Sat 11

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Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 4:10-7-9:50
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Wed 1:45-4:35-7:25-10:15 Thu 12:40-3:20-6
Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 3:50 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:30-7:10-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:35-7:15-10:35
Gone Girl (14A) Fri-Sat 2:45-6:15-9:45 Sun 3:35-6:15-9:45 Mon-Tue 2:45-6:15-9:45
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:50-6:10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:20-6:40-9:30-10
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:35-10:20
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:10
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2-5:45-9:30 Sat 11:45-3:25-9:30 Sun-Thu 2-5:45-9:30
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
Past Tense (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:20-7:30-10:25
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 1:40-4:15-6:45-9:15 Sat 12:20-1:40-4:15-6:45-9:15 Sun-Tue 1:40-4:15-6:45-9:15 Wed-Thu 1:35
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 2:30-5-7:30-10 Sat 12-2:30-5-7:30-10 Sun-Tue 2:30-5-7:30-10 Wed-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:15
PK (STC) Thu 9
The Polar Express 3D (STC) Sat 11
Top Five (18A) No Passes Fri 2-4:40-7:20-10:05 No Passes Sat 11:20-2-4:40-7:20-10:05 No Passes Sun-Thu 2-4:40-7:20-10:05
Women Who Flirt (PG) Fri 1:50-4:25-7:15-9:55 Sat 6:55-7:15-9:55 Sun 1-3:40-7:15-9:55 Mon-Tue 1:50-4:25-7:15-9:55

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Annie (PG) No Passes Thu 7:15
Big Hero 6 (PG) Fri 2:30-5:10-7:50 Sat 11:45-2:30-5:10-7:50 Sun 11:50-2:30-5:15-7:55 Mon-Tue 5:05-7:45
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri 1:45-4:25-7:10-9:55 Sat 11:05-1:45-4:25-7:10-9:55 Sun 1:45-4:25-7:10-9:55 Mon-Tue 4:25-7:10-9:55 Wed 4:55-7:35-10:20 Thu 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:20
Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) (14A) Fri-Sat 10:40 Sun-Tue 10:30
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:20-7:05-9:45 Mon 4:05-6:45 Tue 5-7:40-10:25 Wed 4:50-7:30-10:15 Thu 4:30-10:15
Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri 3:20-6:40-10:05 No Passes Sat 12-3:20-6:40-10:05 No Passes Sun 11:45-3-6:20-9:45 No Passes Mon 5:30-9:30 No Passes Tue 5-8:30 No Passes Wed 5:05-8:30 No Passes Thu 5:30-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 2
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:40-4-7:20-10:45 No Passes Sun 12:15-3:35-7-10:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 3:40-7-10:25
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 2:25-6:20-9:40 Sat 6:45-10:10 Sun 3:30-6:50-10:10 Mon 9:20 Tue-Wed 3:35-6:50-10:10 Thu 3:35-10:10
The Hobbit Trilogy 3D (STC) No Passes Mon 4
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed 3:15-6:35 No Passes Thu 2:50-6:10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed 4:30-8:15 No Passes Thu 4:50-8:10 No Passes Wed 9:55 No Passes Thu 9:35 No Passes Wed-Thu 3:50-7:10-10:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Sat 11:40-2:40-5:20-8-10:45 Sun 11:40-2:15-4:55-7:40-10:25 Mon-Tue 4:55-7:35-10:20 Wed 4:50-7:40-10:25 Thu 4:05-6:45-9:55
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 12:30-1:30-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30 Sat 12:05-1:30-3:05-4:05-4:30-6:05-7-7:30-9:05-10-10:30 Sun 12:30-1:30-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30 Mon-Tue 3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-9:30-10-10:30 Wed 3:30-4-6:30-7-9:30-10 Thu 3:30-4-6:30-7:05-9:30-10
Interstellar (PG) Fri 2:45-6:30-10:20 Sat 11:10-2:45-6:30-10:20 Sun 12-3:45-7:45 Mon-Wed 4:15-8 Thu 2:15-6-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (PG) No Passes Thu 7
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 1:50-4:15-6:50-9:15 Sat 11:30-1:50-4:15-6:50-9:15 Sun 11:45-2:10-4:35-6:55-9:20 Mon 9:25 Tue 4:30-6:55-9:15 Wed-Thu 5 Mon 4:35-6:55
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri-Sat 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10 Sun 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:40-10 Mon-Tue 5:15-7:40-10 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:40
PK (STC) Thu 9:25
The Polar Express 3D (STC) Sat 11
Serena (14A) Fri 1:15 Sat 1:25 Sun 1:15
St. Vincent (14A) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:50 Sat 2:20-4:50-7:25-10:10 Sun 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:50 Mon-Wed 4:45-7:15-9:50 Thu 4:55-7:25
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 Sat 12:45-3:45-7:45-10:40 Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:15 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:10-10:15 Wed 4:25-7:25-10:20 Thu 4:25-6:55-9:45
Top Five (18A) No Passes Fri 2:40-5:15-7:55-10:35 No Passes Sat 11:50-2:25-5-7:55-10:35 No Passes Sun 2:05-4:40-7:20-10:05 No Passes Mon-Wed 4:40-7:20-10:05 No Passes Thu 2:05-4:40-7:20-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 2

Cineplex VIP Cinemas Don Mills, 12 Marie Labatte Road

Exhibition OnScreen: Matisse (STC) Sun 12:55
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri 3:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 3:20 No Passes Mon-Tue 3:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 3
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 6:50-10:30 No Passes Sun 12-6:45-10:30 No Passes Mon-Tue 6:50-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:30-10
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 3:30
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 2:30-6-7-9:30-10:30
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 4:20-7:30-11 Sat 7:30-11 Sun 4:10-7:20-10 Mon-Tue 4:20-7:20-10
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 3-6:10-9:50 Sat 2:40-6:10-9:50 Sun 2:40-6-9:30 Mon-Tue 3-6-9:30 Wed-Thu 2-5:30-9
Interstellar (PG) Fri 4:50-9:20 Sat 1:10-4:50-9:20 Sun 12:30-4:50-9 Mon-Tue 4:50-9
The Metropolitan Opera: Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg (STC) Sat 12
The Theory of Everything (PG) Fri 2:30-5:30-8:40 Sat 2-5:30-8:40 Sun 2-5:30-8:30 Mon-Tue 2:30-5:30-8:30 Wed-Thu 1:30-5-8:30 Sat 12:30

401 & Morningside
785 Milner Ave.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (PG) Sat 1 Sun 12:50
Big Hero 6 (PG) Sat 11:30-2 Sun 2 Mon 5:05 Wed-Thu 5:05
Big Hero 6 3D (PG) Fri 4-7:30-10:10 Sat-Sun 4:40-7:30-10:10 Mon 7:40 Tue 4-7:30-10:10 Wed-Thu 7:40
Dumb and Dumber To (PG) Fri 5:05-7:40-10:15 Sat 2:15-5:05-7:40-10:15 Sun 2:15-5:05-7:40-10:10 Mon 5:25-8:05 Tue 5:05-7:40-10:15 Wed-Thu 5:25-8:05
Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG) No Passes Fri 3:55 No Passes Sat 11:20-3:50 No Passes Sun 3:45 No Passes Mon 5 No Passes Tue 3:55 No Passes Wed-Thu 5
Exodus: Gods and Kings 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 7:10-10:25 No Passes Sat 12:30-7:10-10:25 No Passes Sun 12:30-7-10:10 No Passes Mon 8:15 No Passes Tue 7:10-10:25 No Passes Wed-Thu 8:15
Gone Girl (14A) Fri 3:55-6:30-9:40 Sat-Sun 3-6:30-9:40 Mon 4:55-8 Tue 3:55-6:30-9:40 Wed-Thu 4:55-8
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:25
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 3D (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:10-8:20
Horrible Bosses 2 (18A) Fri 5:10-7:50-10:30 Sat 2:20-5:10-7:50-10:30 Sun 2:20-5-7:35-10:05 Mon 5:45-8:20 Tue 5:10-7:50-10:30 Wed-Thu 5:45-8:20
The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 (PG) Fri 4:15-5:30-7-8:20-9:50 Sat 11:40-1:15-2:40-4:15-5:30-7-8:20-9:50 Sun 1:15-2:40-4:15-5:30-7-8:20-9:50 Mon 4:55-5:35-7:50-8:25 Tue 4:15-5:30-7-8:20-9:50 Wed-Thu 5:35-8:25
Interstellar (PG) Fri 5:45-9:30 Sat 2:10-5:45-9:30 Sun 2:10-5:45-9:20 Mon 7:45 Tue 5:45-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:45
John Wick (14A) Fri 5:20-8-10:30 Sat 2:50-5:20-8-10:30 Sun 2:50-5:20-7:40-10:05 Mon 6-8:25 Tue 5:20-8 Wed-Thu 6-8:25
Penguins of Madagascar (G) Fri 4:10-6:45-9:15 Sat 11:10-12-1:30-4-6:45-9:15 Sun 1:30-4-6:45-9 Mon 5:15-7:35 Tue 4:10-6:45-9:15 Wed-Thu 5:15
Penguins of Madagascar 3D (G) Fri 4:55-7:20-10 Sat 12:15-2:30-4:55-7:20-10 Sun 12:40-2:30-4:55-7:20-9:40 Mon 5:55-8:10 Tue 4:55-7:20-10 Wed-Thu 7:35
The Polar Express 3D (STC) Sat 11

Woodside Cinemas
1571 Sandhurst Circle

Action Jackson (14A) Fri-Thu 2:30
Lingaa (STC) Fri-Sun 12-3-4-6-7-8-10-10:45-11:45 Mon-Thu 1-3-5-6-7-9-10-10:45
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The Book of Life (G) Fri-Sun 11:45-1:30-3:30-5:15 Mon-Thu 5:10
The Boxtrolls (G) Fri 11:45-1:30 Sun 1:30
Corner Gas: The Movie (STC) Fri-Sat 1-5:10-9:20 Sun 1-9:20 Mon-Thu 12:45-7-9:15
Dr. Cabbie (PG) Fri-Sun 3:15 Mon-Thu 5:15
Fury (14A) Fri-Sun 7-9:25 Mon-Thu 2:45-9
El Gezira 2 (STC) Fri-Sat 9:20 Sun 3:20
The Judge (14A) Mon-Thu 2:45
The Maze Runner (PG) Fri-Sat 3:05-5:10-7:15 Sun 3:05-5:10-6:40-8:45 Mon-Thu 1-5-7-9
Nightcrawler (14A) Fri-Sun 5:20-7:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 12:45-5-7:10-9:15
Past Tense (PG) Fri-Sun 3:15-7:15 Mon-Thu 2:50-7:10
St. Vincent (14A) Fri-Sun 11:50-1:40 Mon-Thu 12:45-3:10

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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Depp goes straight to the art of naked Duchess Kate

Things could get awkward if Prince William and Kate Middleton ever have a run-in with Johnny Depp. The Pirates of the Caribbean star splashed out more than $100,000 for a pair of pieces by street artist Pegasus featuring a naked Middleton. One, which gained notoriety when Pegasus spray-painted it on a wall in North London, features Kate cradling her pregnant stomach with a crown perched atop it, the logo for HBO series Game of Thrones stencilled underneath. Depp commissioned a second nude Middleton.

"I knew Johnny was coming and wanted the two Kate Middleton works," Pegasus' manager, Leonard Villa, tells InTouch Weekly. "He was extremely charming and immediately bought the painting and put down an offer for the second one." In addition to a double dose of the naked Duchess, Depp spent another $40,000 on a Pegasus portrait of Queen Elizabeth II, though one can only hope she's more clothed than her granddaughter-in-law.

Johnny Depp ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Leonardo DiCaprio

Chris Rock frickin' loves Leo's brio

Chris Rock has been on something of a tear lately, making some pointed and perfectly worded observations about Hollywood, race issues in America and the like. But it's not all criticism for Rock. There are few things he has genuine appreciation for, like Leonardo DiCaprio's lifestyle.

As Rock tells Howard Stern during an interview: "I love the guy. He enjoys himself. If he's not doing a movie, he's 40 pounds more, with a fine motherf—er. With a beard and model. F— y'all. I'm eating cheeseburgers and f—ing fine bitches." The American dream, that.

Drew finally grows into her old soul

Drew Barrymore is turning 40 soon, everybody. Just let that sink in a minute. OK, now back to it: With a little over two months to go before she hits the big four-oh, Barrymore is taking stock. "I'm so excited," she tells E! News. "I finally feel the age that I am and I'll tell you why. I always felt older than the number I was. I was always too mature and adult and raising myself or running a company or I'm only 19 and I'm a homeowner. Forty feels like where I'm at. It makes sense." They grow up so fast, right?

Drew Barrymore

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It's beginning to taste a lot like Christmas

Chocolate-Coated Marshmallow Cookies. Switch those tired gingerbreads for something more fun

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Chef Ricardo
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Shortbread Cookies

1. In food processor, combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add butter and pulse until mix is grainy. Add egg and vanilla. Pulse again until dough just begins to form. Shape into a disc with hands and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

This recipe makes 30 cookies. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Ingredients

Shortbread Cookies
- 3/4 cup (105 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup (53 g) sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup (57 g) cold unsalted butter, diced
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

Marshmallow
- 1 tbsp powdered gelatin
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) water
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) light corn syrup
- 1/2 tsp (2 1/2 ml) vanilla extract

Chocolate Coating
- 8 oz (225 g) dark chocolate, chopped

2. With rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Line baking sheet with parchment paper.

3. On floured work surface, roll out dough to about 1/8-inch (3 mm) thick. Cut 30 cookies using a 1 3/4-inch (4.5 cm) round cookie cutter. Place the cookies on the baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool.

Marshmallow

1. In saucepan, sprinkle gelatin over water and let bloom 5 minutes. Add sugar. Melt over low heat, stirring until the sugar and gelatin have dissolved.

2. Pour into bowl. Add corn syrup and vanilla and beat with an electric mixer until soft peaks form, about 10 minutes.

3. With pastry bag fitted with a 3/4-inch (2 cm) diameter plain, and filled with marshmallow, top each cookie with dome of marshmallow. Let cool for 30 minutes at room temperature.

Chocolate Coating

1. In a bowl in microwave, melt 5 oz (140 g) chocolate. Remove and add remaining chocolate. Stir until smooth. If necessary, microwave for a few more seconds if chocolate does not melt. Be careful not to overheat the chocolate.

2. Dip cooled cookies, marshmallow side down, in the chocolate, flip and remove from the chocolate with a fork. Shake to remove any excess chocolate.

3. Place cookies on baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Refrigerate 30 minutes. Serve at room temperature. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED THIS SEPTEMBER!**

Liquid Assets

Bringing back bubbly

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Today's my birthday, so I thought I'd get a jump on New Year's Eve by talking champagne this week.

Unfortunately, the popularity of high-end fizz has seen better days.

For the average consumer, the proliferation of decent sparkling wine with a Champagne sensibility (and much cheaper price) from regions around the world has all but relegated the real stuff to special occasions.

The rise of prosecco, Italy's lightly effervescent sparkler, has had the biggest impact. Recent industry reports are that prosecco has surpassed champagne sales in North America for the first time.

That said, the region of Champagne in northern France is still the benchmark when it comes to infusing booze with bubbles. Non-vintage bubbly offers the best value, with Piper-Heidsieck Brut ($54.95 - $64.99) showing off classic nutty/toasty aromas with an edge of bright citrus that ripples across the palate.

Fun fact: Champagne loves food, especially anything fat and salty. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

This recipe makes 16 cookies. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Crowd-pleasing cookies

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 400 F (200 C). Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. In a bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside.

3. In another bowl, cream butter and brown sugar with electric mixer. Add egg and beat until smooth and creamy. Using wooden spoon, stir in nuts and chocolate.

4. With floured hands, shape the dough into balls, about (2 tbsp) each. Arrange 8 balls on each baking sheet. Bake one sheet at a time until the cookies start to brown lightly around the edges, about 7 minutes. The cookies will be very soft in the centre.

5. Let cool on the baking sheet. **RICARDO**

Ingredients

- 1 cup (140 g) unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/2 cup (15 g) unsalted butter, softened
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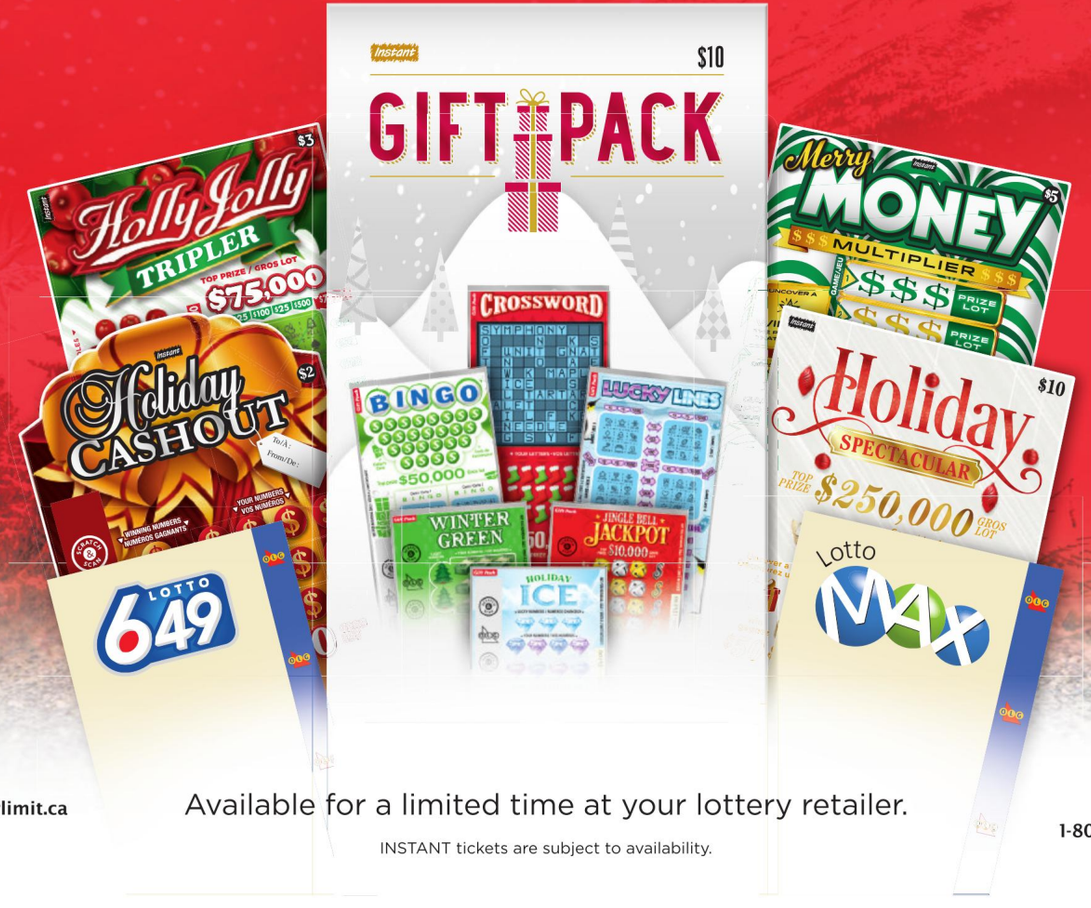

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Grade A gifts for teachers

Pop quiz. Gift class is now in session — first test, what to buy the teacher in your life

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

Looking to pick up something special for your children's teacher?

A gift is a wonderful way to show appreciation for the important part that the teacher plays in their lives — and it's a great way to teach children that giving is an important part of the holidays, too. These fun and practical ideas are sure to get an A+.

Scent test
Wrap up scented soaps for your favourite teacher. Floral grapefruit triple-milled soaps, $12.99, at HomeSense, homesense.ca.

Time out
When kids head outside for recess, teachers often head to the staff room for a time out, too ... and a cup of tea.

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Light thinking
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Coffee break
Dishwasher and microwave safe, this tall porcelain latte mug is a perfect staff kitchen addition. You can sweeten this gift by filling it with jelly beans or your teacher's favourite candies. H2K tall latte mug, $2.99/each, at Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.

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Holding chalk and writing on a chalkboard can cause hand stiffness ... these fun and colourful rubber balls are designed to increase flexibility and relieve joint pain. Restore hand therapy kit contains three two-inch round rubber balls, $14.99, at Canadian Tire, canadiantire.ca.

Apple of my eye
Here's an extra special apple for your teacher. Wrap up one of these specialty caramel apples for a sweet and creative gift. Caramel Apples, $8.99 to $12.99, at Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, rockychoc.com.

Not sweet enough
Chocolate is one of teachers' favourite gifts to receive, and this simple gift idea is one you can put together or buy prepared ... hot chocolate in a jar. Toffee fudge hot chocolate in Mason jar, $9.99, at Shoppers Drug Mart, shoppersdrugmart.ca.

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Everyone loves surprises ... crackers contain a mini lip gloss and eye shadow from Quo Cosmetics. Quo Christmas crackers, 3/pack, $15, at Shoppers Drug Mart, shoppersdrugmart.ca.

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Great ideas for the foodie on your gift list

RICK MCGINNIS
For Metro

Buying a gift for a foodie isn't terribly different from trying to find a Christmas present for your rich friend or relative — it's not what to get them, but what they don't have that's the problem.

For most foodies, eating out isn't nearly as much fun as eating in, and, as a result, their kitchens are usually stuffed to bursting with double boilers and mandolins and fish poachers.

The best option is to go big — to buy them that high-end item that's been on their wish list for years. Right now, that would probably be a sous vide. The tide has finally receded on the whole molecular gastronomy craze, but it's left behind a few vital techniques, prime among which is cooking with a sous vide — sealing meat or fish in a vacuum bag and immersing it in a bath of hot water, maintained at a constant but relatively low temperature and circulated for a long time.

Consider yourself lucky if you are shopping for a food lover. With so much to choose from, finding the perfect gift is easy. SHUTTERSTOCK

The Rolls Royce of sous vide machines is the **Polyscience Professional Immersion Circulator**, which clamps on to the side of your stock pot or deep tray and maintains up to eight gallons of water at a perfectly steady temperature for hours. It's exclusive to Williams-Sonoma and sells for $795.95 US on its website.

A more budget-oriented sous vide machine is the **Caso Sous Vide Center**, which looks like a bread maker and does the same job as the Polyscience in a smaller package tailored for family meals and not a full restaurant. It's available for as little as $369 at cedarlaneculinary.ca, which also offers a sous vide package that includes a vacuum sealer, two rolls of vacuum bags and a cookbook for $469.

Caso Sous Vide Center, from $369 at Cedarlane Culinary, cedarlaneculinary.ca

Another thing about foodies is that they can never have too many cookbooks, and one of the bestsellers of the season is **Heritage by Sean Brock**, the Charleston, S.C.-based chef that chef and TV personality Anthony Bourdain called "one of the most important chefs in America."

Beautifully illustrated with photos of food, produce and Brock's hometown, it includes recipes for everything from Hoppin' John — that most essential of southern comfort foods — to more ambitious dishes like chilled fennel bisque with citrus-cured scallops and almond oil. ($24 at amazon.ca.)

People have rediscovered their ovens lately as well — it must be the long winters — so your foodie friends might want to start upgrading their battered old tins and pans with something really nice, like a set of **Le Creuset bakeware**. Available in a range of colours, this revered line of French cookware brings a welcome note of Julia Child into any lab-like, stainless steel-filled modern kitchen.

Another piece of kitchenware undergoing a renaissance is the flat griddle, which requires a sympathetic cooktop and a bit of storage space, but will let you sear, sauté and fry more than one ingredient at a time. Griddles that straddle two burners on a stove are the most useful, and are made by everyone from Calphalon to Le Creuset to Lodge. **All-Clad's double-burner griddle** is nice and heavy, and available from the Bay for $180. If you don't have a stove that happily makes space for one, All-Clad also makes a **standalone electric model with a drip pan**, $360 at the Bay.

Finally, it's nice to have something to cook. The paleo diet has put proteins at the centre of plates, but instead of big slabs of meat, smart cooks are setting smaller cuts on top of beds of legumes to showcase two kinds of protein. U.S. food website markethallfoods.com features a fine range of dried beans, from a bag of **Rancho Gordo's flageolet beans** ($8.50 US) to **black valentine beans from Community Grains** ($7 US) to **fine French puy lentils** ($13 US). Stuff a few of these into stockings or a gift box with baking dishes or saucepans and point foodie friends toward the kitchen.

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High-tech solutions

Life-simplifying. If someone on your list has everything, these gifts are a no-brainer

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

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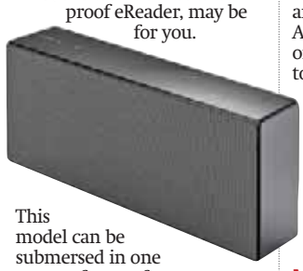

This model can be submersed in one metre of water for up to 30 minutes, and is dust-proof so you don't have to worry about sand getting under the screen. A single charge can keep you reading for nearly two months, depending on how bright you keep the backlight.

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This high-tech toothbrush connects to your smartphone via Bluetooth to gather personal brushing data. Brushing too hard? Sensors will notify you and adjust the speed of the brush to ensure you don't harm your gums. The toothbrush also keeps you entertained while brushing by showing you top news stories and weather updates so you continue to brush for the optimal time. Works with Android and iOS devices.

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Kaillie Humphries

Bobsledder wins Lou Marsh Award

Bobsled pilot Kaillie Humphries has capped a standout season by winning the 2014 Lou Marsh Award.

Humphries is the first bobsledder to win the honour.

The 29-year-old from Calgary became the first woman bobsledder to win back-to-back Olympic gold when she captured her second Olympic title in Sochi. She carried Canada's flag along with brakeman Heather Moyse into the closing ceremonies. A month earlier, Humphries had claimed her second consecutive overall World Cup title for Canada.

The trophy is awarded annually to Canada's top athlete as selected by representatives of Canada's leading news organizations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier League

QPR manager denies interest in Defoe, Keane

Queens Park Rangers manager Harry Redknapp has played down reports he is looking to acquire MLS stars Jermain Defoe and Robbie Keane during the January transfer window.

Both Toronto FC's Defoe and Los Angeles Galaxy star Keane have played for Redknapp.

"We've not made an inquiry for Robbie Keane. I've not spoken to Jermain Defoe either," Redknapp told Sky Sports News.

QPR (4-9-2) currently stands 17th in the Premier League, just one spot ahead of the drop zone.

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The Raptors' Patrick Patterson reacts after hitting a game-tying three-pointer late in regulation against the Nuggets on Monday. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Patterson an X factor from behind the arc

NBA. Raptors power forward stretching opposing defences shooting 45% from three-point territory

It is music to a shooter's ears, the sound of encouragement.

Patrick Patterson knows it well, regardless of whether his last shot went in or not, no matter if he's red-hot or stone cold, the constant pumping up he gets from his Raptors teammates and coaches drives him.

Lately, he's been paying them back remarkably.

Patterson is riding one of those waves good shooters get on every now and then, he's made 13 of his 22 three-point field goal attempts in Toronto's last five games and even when things momentarily go awry, he's going to keep on firing.

"When I have people on my team encouraging me and pushing me and wanting me to keep shooting the ball all the time regardless of the outcome, it's just more motivation for me to want to make a shot," he said.

Patterson has turned into one of Toronto's most dangerous long-distance shooters, a backup power forward who can extend defences as a prototypical "stretch four" in today's NBA game.

He's big — listed at six-foot-nine, with more power than finesse — but he's got that soft shooter's touch. He's a career 39 per cent shooter from beyond the arc and is firing at an outstanding 45 per cent clip through the first quarter of this season.

"Just right now (I'm) staying consistent with my routine, during practice, after practice, before practice, getting up as many shots as possible and just having a good rhythm," he said.

"For my teammates, the coaching staff (they) just encourage me to keep shooting the ball whether I'm missing or making is huge for me."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Next on the schedule

The Raptors will take on the Indiana Pacers at Air Canada Centre on Friday night.

4 SPORTS

Letting Bolland go was Leafs' best deal

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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Last season, there were a number of Leafs fans worried sick the team wouldn't re-sign centre David Bolland.

It turns out they were right — he didn't re-sign — but they weren't right to worry. In allowing Bolland to join the Florida Panthers, Toronto's management was able to address the team's third and fourth lines and turn a gigantic weakness into a crucial strength.

And that ought to teach Leafs fans — and all NHL fans — that in a salary-capped league, it's not always best to cling to pricey veterans when there are more budget-friendly players available every summer.

David Bolland, right, playing for the Florida Panthers. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Indeed, look on what the Leafs spent the cap space Bolland left: forwards Mike Santorelli ($1.5-million US), Daniel Winnik ($1.3 million US) and David Booth ($1.1 million US). They also had the cap flexibility to pick up right winger Richard Panik ($735,000 US) off waivers from Tampa Bay early in the season.

Santorelli and Winnik in particular have made the Leafs a tougher team.

Instead, the Leafs have created real competition for ice time — take Peter Holland and Nazem Kadri, for example.

That's how you create a winning culture.

So far, the Leafs deserve credit for making the choice.

Analysis Stats Fact: PDO

The Leafs' strong play continues to boost their PDO.

Last week, they were the NHL's fifth-best team at 101.2, but this week, they're in sole possession of third overall at 101.7.

The Nashville Predators, who were tied with the Pittsburgh Penguins for the best PDO last week (102.9), took over top spot this week with a 102.7 mark.

The worst for the third week in a row is the Edmonton Oilers (96.8).

Kyle Dubas on 7-1-1

'There's nobody content'

Members of the Toronto Maple Leafs' front office and coaching staff are on the same page, assistant general manager Kyle Dubas said. And it's not the same page that includes the NHL standings.

Despite the team's stretch of seven victories in its past nine games, Dubas said president Brendan Shanahan, general manager Dave Nonis and coach Randy Carlyle aren't happy with the way the Leafs have been outshot and outplayed.

"There's nobody content that we've gone 7-1-1 in this stretch," Dubas said on a conference call Thursday. "There's no one really content with it. It's trying to continue to hone in on our process and really maximize our potential as a team."

This state-of-the-team address by Dubas might have been necessary after the Leafs beat the Detroit Red Wings on Wednesday night in a game where they owed everything to backup goaltender James Reimer. Toronto was outshot 42-19 but won in a shootout almost single-handedly because of Reimer.

Dubas said Thursday that no one has to be an analytics expert to recognize that's not great. Recent trends beyond that game are also troubling, like the Leafs being outshot 303-247 over this nine-game run, an average of around 34-27 a game.

In the process, the Leafs have picked up 15 points and moved into the first wild-card spot in the Eastern Conference. That's with some smoke, a few mirrors and mostly No. 1 goaltender Jonathan Bernier saving their hides.

"We've managed to find a way to win," Dubas said. "We've shot the puck well, we've made the most of our opportunities, we've gotten terrific goaltending."

The Leafs got off to similar starts the past two seasons before collapsing under the weight of their own struggles.

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A dozen infected

Mumps moving around the NHL

The NHL is facing an unusual outbreak of the mumps. About a dozen players have been diagnosed with the illness that mostly strikes children.

It started in Anaheim and plagued the Ducks, who had three players affected. It then moved to the Minnesota Wild, who had five victims. Tanner Glass of the New York Rangers then came down with it and the New Jersey Devils say two players also turned up sick.

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Detroit Red Wings

Babcock won't talk extension

If a contract extension between the Red Wings and Mike Babcock is imminent, it appears to be news to the Detroit head coach.

An animated Babcock addressed a media report that surfaced last night.

"Guys, this is like a fantasy world," Babcock said.

"I'm happy here. I like the general manager, they treat me good. I don't know what else I can tell you."

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World juniors. McDavid confident he'll be ready

Star forward Connor McDavid's cast is off, he has clearance for non-contact drills and is confident he'll be ready to play in the upcoming world junior hockey championship.

Now it's just a matter of seeing how things go at the Canadian team's pre-tournament camp.

McDavid hasn't played in a game since breaking a bone in his right hand on Nov. 12. The Erie Otters forward has been skating regularly but his cast wasn't removed until this week.

The junior phenom will be examined by doctors on a regular basis and the team says it will take things day by day. But the goal is to get McDavid into at least one exhibition game before the tournament opener on Dec. 26.

"I can take full slapshots and all that, so the hand feels good," McDavid said. "The wrist is not too stiff at all. So it should be all good."

Thirty players have been invited to camp, which started with a practice in Toronto. A total of 22 players will make the final team.

The 17-year-old McDavid, who has 51 points in 18 games this season, is an early favourite to be selected first overall in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft. His presence would provide a big boost to a squad that hasn't won gold in five years.

Connor McDavid
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Head coach Benoit Groulx said it would be nice to get McDavid into an exhibition game, but it's most important to have him for competition.

"We will follow what the doctor says and how he reacts to shooting the puck and passing the puck," he said. "But right now there's no rush. We're happy to have him here and we'll see how it plays out."

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Less than five months after acquiring Yoenis Cespedes, the Red Sox traded the slugging outfielder to the Tigers for right-handed Rick Porcello and two other pitchers on Thursday. WINSLOW TOWNSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB. Trade frenzy takes hold of winter meetings

Baseball's winter meetings ended with an old-style spurt of swaps, with all-stars switching teams at a rapid pace and executives scrambling to fill roster voids.

Dee Gordon, Yoenis Cespedes, Miguel Montero, Jeff Samardzija, Brandon Moss and Howie Kendrick were among the all-stars dealt by the time teams headed home Thursday, and Matt Kemp and Jimmy Rollins were on the verge of switching clubs.

The Los Angeles and Chicago teams were the epicentre of change, along with the Miami Marlins.

Twelve trades involving 44 players were made over the four days, according to Major League Baseball, up from five swaps last year and three in 2012. There hadn't been this many trades at a winter meeting since 2006.

On the move via trades

- **Yoenis Cespedes** — From Red Sox to Tigers.
- **Mat Latos** — From Reds to Marlins.
- **Howie Kendrick** — From Angels to Dodgers.
- **Dee Gordon** — From Dodgers to Marlins.

"People are motivated," Seattle general manager Jack Zduriencik said.

With major-league revenues in the $9-billion range, increased sharing and changes to rules for the amateur draft, more clubs have money to spend and large-market teams are more constrained.

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Late birds can still catch their worms

On their own timelines. Quartet of Blue Jays players have reached their potential after "prime" years

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By the time legendary chicken merchant Colonel Sanders founded Kentucky Fried Chicken, he was already 65 years old. And as with the business world, baseball has its share of late bloomers.

When the Blue Jays traded a package of players to the A's for Josh Donaldson, they received yet another player that took just a little bit longer to finally develop into something special.

Toronto has seemingly cornered the market on late bloomers. And although it's difficult to purposefully target these types, the Blue Jays have benefited in multiple ways by holding shares in such players.

The general population of baseball players will see their careers, and their skills, peak around the ages of 25 to 27. Don't tell that to these Blue Jays.

Third baseman Josh Donaldson
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Right-fielder Jose Bautista
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Designated hitter and first baseman Edwin Encarnacion
MITCHELL LEFF/GETTY IMAGES

Starting pitcher R.A. Dickey
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Josh Donaldson

Even though he was a high draft pick, Donaldson found himself demoted to Triple-A in 2012 as a 26-year-old. By the next year, after making changes to his swing mechanics, he finally began to find success at 27. Because of the late start to his major-league career, Toronto has Donaldson for four more seasons, in his prime, before he's even eligible for free agency.

Jose Bautista

Bautista is known as one of baseball's greatest outliers. A player who bounced around between five teams until, at 29 years old in 2010, he exploded as one of the sport's top offensive players. After that season, Toronto inked Bautista to a below-market value, five-year, $65-million contract. In 2014, at 33 years old, Bautista continued peak production — actually improving on his 2013 offensive numbers.

Edwin Encarnacion

Encarnacion is a slightly different case because he showed solid power with the Cincinnati Reds earlier in his career. But after moving off third base in 2012, he took it to another level with 42 home runs as a 29-year-old. Encarnacion has sustained this production, blasting 36 and 34 home runs the last two years, respectively. Like Bautista, the lack of a high-quality track record allowed the Blue Jays to lock up Encarnacion to a below-market contract. Also like Bautista, he's a rare example of an elite power hitter — who relies heavily on bat speed — to experience a peak in his early 30s.

R.A. Dickey

For pitchers, a late-career surge is particularly difficult because fastball velocity will generally start to decline by a full mile per hour by age 26 — and decline steeply after 30. Dickey's career is well documented. After flaming-out in his 20s he turned to, and mastered, the knuckleball in 2010 at 35 years old. The Blue Jays can count on the veteran pitcher — who will be 40 years old during the 2015 season — knowing that standard aging curves don't apply to the knuckleballer.

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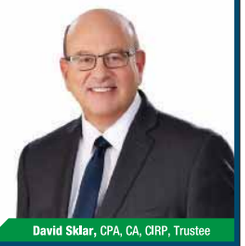
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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is no need to feel threatened by someone whose power exceeds yours. According to the planets they don't see you as a rival and therefore wish you no harm.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you want to get ahead be less thin-skinned. The kind of people who can make things happen for you are not the kind of people who worry about whose egos they might bruise.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may feel worn out after the excitement of the past few days but don't switch off because there are still important things that need to be done.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Sometimes you can be too trusting and the planets warn if you believe what a colleague tells today it will cost you. Either they're deceiving you or someone is deceiving you both.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Use your time and energy wisely today. It does not matter how much work you have to get through before the weekend. Get it right the first time.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Yes, there are things going on behind the scenes that you know little about . According to the planets you have nothing to fear and lots to look forward to.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If you find it hard to make up your mind today, ask someone you trust. Even if you disagree with them and do the exact opposite of what they suggest you'll still be doing something.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You need to tie up a number of loose ends today if you are to get the full benefit of what occurs over the weekend.

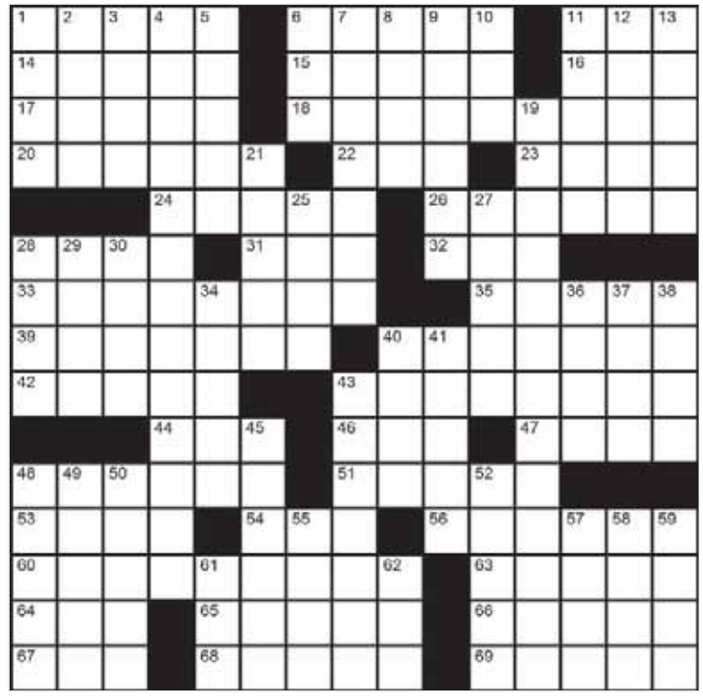
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There may be times when you think that your lucky streak has come to an end but it's not over yet. The only thing that might hold you back is if you allow negative thoughts to take root.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be conservative but that does not mean you cannot change your ways and if you feel that a change is necessary you must make it immediately.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will hear something to your advantage today but because you were not supposed to know you may be reluctant to make use of it. If others were stupid enough to let it slip that's their problem, not yours.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You don't have to pretend that a task comes easy to you when it is a struggle. No one expects you to get it right the first time. Do your best and be pleased.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across

1. Splash
6. Tolerate
11. Comedian Louis, et al.
14. Jeweller's eye piece
15. Discourage
16. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
17. Eight-based
18. "First Blood" (1982) role: 2 wds.
20. Sarajevo's locale
22. Hot drink
23. Scornful look
24. "A merry heart __ good like a medicine..." - Proverbs
26. Bequest
28. Pet shelter gr.
31. Old French coin
32. Swearing-in words
33. Inuit sled
35. Harry Potter: Severus' surname
39. Nut kind
40. Lawn sport
42. Judge's gig
43. Frank Zappa's actress/writer daughter: 2 wds.
44. Mr. Bean, et al.
46. Swerve
47. "__ _ Wonderful Life" (1946)
48. Gutsy
51. Harsh
53. Succulent plant
54. Dunk
56. Celebrity chef Nigella
60. Town in Fraser Canyon in British Columbia; or, Cheers of "Cheers": 2 wds.
63. Crooner Pat
64. Fair-hiring letters
65. Apply another cold pack
66. Ontario: __ Peninsula
67. '70s records
68. "Two If __ __" (1996)
69. Stagnates

Down

1. Neatnik opposite
2. Little Eva's "The __-Motion"
3. Loopholes
4. Soul Boys of the Western World is the name of the new documentary film, as well as upcoming 2015 tour, of this British band: 2 wds.
5. Racecar driver Mr. Castroneves
6. Li'l modifier
7. Extinct culture of Newfoundland
8. _, __ Jury (Mickey Spillane novel)
9. 2015 Yukon __ (GMC vehicle)
10. Bungle
11. "Along __ _ Spider" (2001)
12. 'Quebec' part of Quebec City as it was known
13. Written work
19. The variant spelling for #12-Down's answer is an __ __ meaning 'narrowing of the river'
21. Pantheon of Norse gods
25. "Hop __ __!" (Move!)
27. Alberta town
28. House size meas.: 2 wds.
29. Match
30. Gladiator's 951
34. Recounts
36. Family member
37. Shar-__ (Some dogs)
38. Singer Ms. James
40. Wintertime garment
41. Spur's small spiked wheel
43. Social networking site
45. Locale on Cape Breton Island
48. Matte __ (Toronto-born television host)
49. "That threw me for _ __!"
50. Doesn't win
52. Synagogue spiritual leader
55. Wading bird
57. Psyche
58. Formerly
59. Social pages words
61. Sphere
62. Actor Stephen

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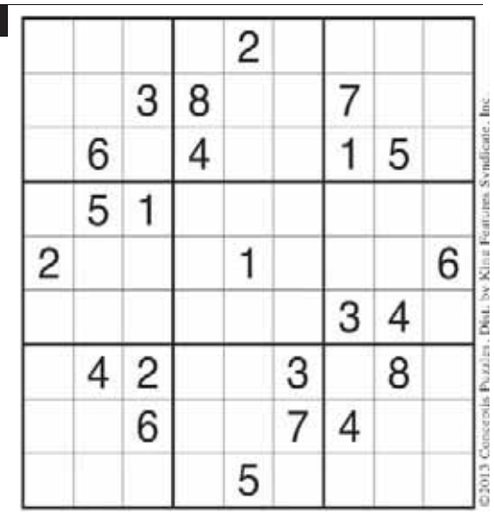

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8	2	7	4	9	5	3	6	1
5	9	1	8	2	4	6	3	7
3	4	2	1	7	6	5	9	8
7	8	6	3	5	9	1	2	4
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Example: (2015/2015/2014/2014) Ford Fusion S/Fusion Titanium/Focus SE Sedan (MY)/Focus ST) $25,000 purchase financed at (0.99%/0.99%/0.99%/0.99%) APR for [84/84/84/84] months, monthly payment is the sum of (twelve (12) monthly payments divided by 26 periods gives payee a bi-weekly payment of ($129/$194/$194/$194) and one (1) monthly payment of ($129/$195/$195/$195) for a total payment of ($3,354/$5,059/$5,059/$5,059) and total to be repaid is ($25,296/$33,916/$19,059/$32,032) Down payment may be required based on approved credit from Ford Credit. All purchase finance offers include freight and air tax and PPSA but exclude administration and registration fees of up to $799, fuel fill charge of up to $120 and all applicable taxes. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. ***Until January 2, 2015, receive (0.99%/0.99%/0.99%) APR purchase financing on new (2015/2014/2014) Ford Fusion S/Fusion Titanium/Escape SE/Focus SE (MY)/Focus ST) for [$22,999/$34,499/$21,499/$27,749/$18,889/$30,899] (after Year-End Cash of [$500/$500/$500/$750/$750] deducted). Taxes payable on full amount of purchase price after Year-End Cash has been deducted. Offers include freight and air tax but exclude administration and registration fees of up to $799, fuel fill charge of up to $120 and all applicable taxes. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. ^Until January 2, 2015, lease a new 2014 Ford F-150 XLT SuperCrew 4x4 (300A Package) for up to 24 months, and get 0% APR on approved credit (OAC) from Ford Credit. Not all buyers will qualify for the lowest APR payment. Lease a new 2014 F-150 XLT SuperCrew 4x4 (300A Package) with a value of $35,059 (after $[2,573] down payment or equivalent trade-in and $[5,500] Year End Cash and $3,700 Ford Credit Lease Cash deducted and including freight and air tax of $[1,800]) at 0% APR for up to 24 months with an optional buyout of $21,633, monthly payment is $299, total lease obligation is $[8,751], interest cost of leasing is $0 or 0% APR. Offers include freight, air tax, and PPSA but exclude administration and registration fees of up to $799, fuel fill charge of up to $120 and all applicable taxes. Additional payments required for optional features, license, and insurance. All prices are based on Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price. Some conditions and mileage restriction of 40,000 km for 24 months applies. Excess kilometrage charges are 12¢ per km for Fiesta, Focus, C-MAX, Fusion and Escape; 16¢ per km for E-Series, Mustang, Taurus, Taurus X, Edge, Flex, Explorer, F-Series, MKS, MKZ, MKT and Transit Connect; 20¢ per km for Expedition and Navigator, plus applicable taxes. Excess kilometrage charges subject to change (except in Quebec), see your local dealer for details. ◊Year-End Lease Cash deduction of $3,700 on the 2014 F-150 XLT SuperCrew 4x4 (300A Package) is Ford Credit Lease Cash only available when vehicle is leased with Ford Credit. ~Remember that even advanced technology cannot overcome the laws of physics. It's always possible to lose control of a vehicle due to inappropriate driver input for the conditions. ¥Some mobile phones and some digital media players may not be fully compatible with SYNC®. – check www.syncmyride.com for a listing of mobile phones, media players, and features supported. Driving while distracted can result in loss of vehicle control, accident and injury. 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Year-End Cash is not combinable with any fleet consumer incentives. ¥Based on 2007, 2013 and YTD June 2014 R.L. Polk vehicle registrations data for Canada in the Large Premium Utility, Large Traditional Utility, Large Utility, Medium Premium Utility, Medium Utility, and Small Utility segments. ~Claim based on Ford's definition of single nameplate, which does not include rebadged vehicles, platform derivatives or other vehicle nameplate versions based on IHS Automotive Polk global new registrations for CY2013. ±F-Series is the best-selling pickup truck in Canada for 48 years in a row based on Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association statistical sales report up to 2013 and R.L. Polk vehicle registrations data up to June 2014. ◊Based on 2007-2013 and YTD June 2014. Receive $750 towards the purchase or lease of a new 2014/2015 Ford Fiesta (excluding S), Focus (excluding S and BEV), C-MAX, and $1,000 towards all other Ford models (excluding GT500, GT350, 50th Anniversary Edition Mustang, Raptor, and Medium Truck) (each an "Eligible Vehicle"). Limit one (1) offer per Eligible Vehicle purchase or lease, up to a maximum of two (2) separate Eligible Vehicle sales per Costco Membership Number. Offer is transferable to persons domiciled with an eligible Costco member. Applicable taxes calculated before CAD$1,000 offer is deducted. – NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. Open only to legal residents of Ontario who have reached 18 years of age. Toy Mountain gift or cash donation, or new Ford vehicle test drive required to obtain an entry wallet. Five (5) prizes will be awarded in Ontario, consisting of one (1) new 2015 MUSTANG V6 COUPE (approx. retail value of CAD$32,581) and four (4) $1,000 cash prizes. One (1) entry permitted per donated unwrapped toy. 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Receive $500 towards 2014/2015 Focus, Fiesta, or C-MAX, and $750 towards 2014 Mustang (excluding Shelby GT500) and F-150 (excluding Raptor), and 2014/2015 Fusion, Taurus, Edge, Flex, Explorer, Escape, Expedition, Transit Connect, E-Series, F250 – F-550 (excluding Chassis Cabs), and F-350 to F-550 Chassis Cab models – (all stripped chassis, cutaway body, and Medium Truck models excluded (each an "Eligible Model") with the purchase, lease, or factory order (during the Program Period) of an Eligible Model. Limit one (1) incentive redemption per Eligible Model sale. Offer is not rainchecked. ©2014 Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited. All rights reserved.